

## Position Description

### General Duties - Casual Shepherd

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| <b>Title:</b>        | Casual Shepherd for Lambing beat             |
| <b>Reporting to:</b> | Stock Manager                                |
| <b>Location:</b>     | Mangaroa Farms, Whitemans Valley, Upper Hutt |
| <b>Date:</b>         | August 2024                                  |

#### About Us

Mangaroa Farms is a resilient community food hub and education centre with 2000-acres of living laboratory for transitioning dairy and pine into regenerative agriculture and native forests.

#### Role Duties

The Casual Shepherd provides general assistance to the Stock Manager during the Lambing and Calving seasons, with a focus on lambing, calving and working with animals (including feeding and raising livestock), and other general farming operations over this busy period. The general duties of this position include:

##### **Lambing Assistance:**

- Monitor ewes during lambing to identify signs of labor and potential complications.
- Assist with the delivery of lambs, including manual assistance when necessary.
- Ensure that newborn lambs are healthy, dry, and nursing properly.
- Record birth details and any interventions for farm records.

##### **Flock Monitoring:**

- Regularly check on ewes and lambs to ensure their health and wellbeing.
- Identify and report any signs of illness, injury, or distress in the flock.
- Assist with the administration of medication and treatments as directed by the Stock Manager.

##### **Feeding and Nutrition:**

- Assist with feeding ewes and lambs, ensuring they receive adequate nutrition.
- Prepare and distribute supplementary feed for ewes, particularly those with multiple lambs or other special needs.

##### **General Farm Duties:**

- Maintain cleanliness and hygiene in lambing pens and barns.
- Assist with general farm maintenance and tasks as needed.

- Follow all farm safety protocols and procedures to ensure a safe working environment. As such, you are required to adhere to any relevant Health, Safety and Wellbeing policy or direction.

### Attributes and Experience

| Essential                                                                                        | Desired                                                      |
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| Flexibility and adaptability                                                                     | Proven problem solving skills and the ability to think quick |
| Working as a team                                                                                | Basic knowledge of animal husbandry and farm practices       |
| Previous farming experience with lambing experience                                              | Your own trained sheep dogs                                  |
| Comfortable working outdoors in all kinds of weather conditions and with manual work             | Ability to work independently                                |
| Able to handle animals with confidence and patience                                              | Can drive a manual vehicle                                   |
| Strong observational skills and the ability to recognise signs of distress or illness in animals |                                                              |

### Specific Farm Details:

Here are some basic numbers on the scale of the farm project you will be working on:

Calves: 70

Sheep: 735

Expecting Lambs: 1100

Total area: 274.36ha

Effective area: 270.06ha