

Teaming up for animal health, in the interests of animals, their owners and society at large. That's the mission which GD has upheld for more than a century.

Royal GD is an independent and market-oriented company. Each day, approx. 500 employees work towards improving farm animals and companion animal health. We do so together with animal owners, veterinary practices, government bodies and the corporate community. Located in Deventer, GD is both active on the Dutch market, and increasingly undertakes international activities. GD's 2020 turnover was 80 million euros.

It is this combination of laboratory diagnostics and animal health and welfare expertise which makes us unique. It allows us to offer products and services which not only improve animal health, but also result in convenience and profitability for our clients.

The department

Pathology is an important component of the animal health surveillance system conducted by GD on behalf of the Dutch government and the corporate community, aimed at achieving insight into trends in the occurrence of (infectious) animal diseases and signalling new diseases or those not previously found in the Netherlands. In addition, pathological examination is conducted within the scope of contract research and diagnostic services.

In order to reinforce our group of pathologists, we are looking for a

Veterinary pathologist (40 hours)

He or she will be employed in the Poultry department, but will be responsible not only for poultry pathology but also for mammal pathology. The Poultry department is home to 18 staff members, including 2 other pathologists. The Poultry department conducts research and provides advice to poultry farmers, veterinary practices and various other market parties. Turnover is generated based on animal health monitoring, laboratory services and research projects.

The position

In the position of veterinary pathologist, you will work on multiple animal species, but with a focus on poultry pathology. You will conduct pathological examinations (post-mortem, histological, cytological) within the scope of both animal health surveillance and research projects.

In this role, you are responsible for providing advice and expertise regarding the conducted examinations. You identify trends and provide support for research as well as early warning in case of disease-related emergencies. You also contribute to the development of (new) diagnostic techniques.

The ideal candidate:

- Is a veterinarian specialised in veterinary pathology (ECVP/ACVP-board certified or board eligible, or equivalent)
- Is proficient in post-mortem flock diagnostics in poultry or is willing to develop further in that direction
- Is inquisitive and enterprising
- Has good oral and written communication skills, in both English and Dutch

- Has good social skills and is naturally oriented towards cooperation

If you are still working on your academic specialisation, but are interested in this fantastic position, please do not hesitate to apply!

What we are offering

In addition to a great job and a competitive salary, we offer attractive and extensive employment benefits. GD has its own Collective Labour Agreement and supplementary schemes. The employment benefits include a set end-of-year bonus, 25 days' holiday and 11 ADV days (days off in connection with the Dutch Reduction of Working Hours Scheme), flexible working hours, possibility of exchanging employment benefits, contribution to health insurance premium and a good pension scheme.

Where you will work

We have one of the largest, state-of-the-art veterinary laboratories in the world at our disposal, where we conduct more than 5 million lab tests each year. GD also has a team of veterinarians, specialists and scientists. They monitor animal health, carry out practical research and develop programmes for the prevention and control of animal diseases. Cooperation is part of our DNA. GD is a company with healthy ambition, where personal initiative is appreciated.

Interested?

If you recognise yourself in this profile and are enthusiastic about this position, please use the [application form](#) to upload your cover letter and CV by **31 January 2022**

If you have any questions about the position, please call Marieke Augustijn, Poultry sector manager, on +31 (0)570-660144. For more information about GD, please refer to our [website](#).

The selection procedure may include an assessment and/or personal profile analysis.

Please note: we are only interested in individual applications; recruitment agencies do not need to approach us concerning this vacancy.