

Langford Veterinary Services

Job Description

Job Title: Equine Nurse

Reports To: Head Nurse

Job Purpose:

The main purpose of the post is to support the smooth operation of the clinical activities within the Equine Centre by assisting with medical and surgical procedures, promoting client communication and working within the Terms of the RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct for Nurses.

Principal Accountabilities:

- Assisting veterinary clinicians with clinical procedures.
- Independently carry out nursing duties such as setting up and assisting with surgical procedures, assisting with consultations, assisting with diagnostic procedures, in-patient care, blood sampling, catheter placement.
- Restraining and positioning of patients requiring x-rays, as well as taking radiographs when instructed by a veterinary surgeon
- Surgical nursing duties
- Maintain high standards of cleanliness in all clinical areas, including theatres
- Dispensing and administering (under the direct supervision of a veterinary surgeon) medication to animals, maintaining accurate stock control and following all protocols relating to drug holding, dispensing and handling and giving clear and accurate instructions to clients when dispensing medication
- Assisting with stock control, maintaining working areas to a high standard and actively participating in Clinical Governance and Infection Control directives.
- Maintaining accurate patient records with regards to all clinical notes, treatment, diagnoses, client communication and client /patient information
- Ensuring that all procedures and consumables are accurately entered onto the patients' records in order to keep the invoice up to date at all times during their stay
- Teaching of Veterinary and Veterinary Nursing Undergraduates on clinical rotations
- Acting as Clinical Coach and Personal Tutor for Veterinary Nursing Undergraduates as required
- Participating in a nurse rota, working different shifts on a rotational basis including weekends and OOH rota
- Maintaining a good working relationship with all team members
- Communicating in an effective and pleasant manner with clients and colleagues
- Carry out all other reasonable duties as requested by the line manager

Person Specification

The skills, abilities, experience and knowledge outlined below provide a summary of what is required to carry out this job effectively.

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
<p>Relevant experience, Skills and Knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One year in veterinary practice or ability to prove similar levels of knowledge and experience • Able to carry out veterinary nursing duties as listed above • Confidence and experience in effective handling and restraint of equidae 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Relevant Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCVS Listed Veterinary Nurse or Nursing Degree • Advanced Diploma • Clinical Coach 	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
<p>Communication and Interpersonal Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating effectively with clients • Ability to work within a team • Ability to act independently 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	
<p>Additional Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible approach to work • Interest in advancing own qualifications • Eligibility to work in the UK • UK drivers license 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>