



## Langford Vets

### Job Description

Job Title: Veterinary Nurse (Surgery Ward)

Reports To: Head Nurse

#### Job Purpose:

The main purpose of the post is to support the smooth operation of the clinical activities within the SAH by providing in-patient care for surgical cases and assisting with procedures, promoting client communication and working within the Terms of the RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct for Nurses.

#### Principal Accountabilities:

- Providing nursing care to our in-patients, to include nutrition, administration of medication, wound management and rehabilitation.
- Sedating and monitoring patients for procedures such as x-rays, joint taps and dressing changes, under the direction of the Veterinary Surgeon.
- Assisting veterinary surgeons with clinical procedures
- Independently carry out nursing duties such as monitoring anaesthesia, intubating patients, assisting with surgical procedures, assisting with consultations, patient handling and restraint, taking blood samples, placing intravenous catheters, placing bandages, cleaning wounds and removing stitches
- Proper restraining and positioning of patients requiring x-rays, as well as taking radiographs when instructed by a veterinary surgeon
- 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
- 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

- Supervision and teaching of Veterinary and Veterinary Nursing undergraduates on clinical rotations. To include undertaking clinical coaching qualification and acting as a Clinical Coach.
- Participating in a nurse rota for 38.5 hours per week, which includes weekends and working different shifts on a rotational basis
- 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><b>Relevant experience, Skills and Knowledge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One year in veterinary practice or ability to prove similar levels of knowledge and experience</li> <li>• Able to carry out veterinary nursing duties as listed above</li> <li>• Confidence and experience in effective handling and restraint of animals</li> </ul>	<p>Yes Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><b>Relevant Qualifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCVS Listed Veterinary Nurse</li> <li>• Advanced Diploma</li> <li>• A1 Assessors Award</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes Yes</p>
<p><b>Communication and Interpersonal Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicating effectively with clients</li> <li>• Ability to work within a team</li> <li>• Ability to act independently</li> </ul>	<p>Yes Yes Yes</p>	
<p><b>Additional Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flexible approach to work</li> <li>• Interest in advancing own qualifications</li> <li>• Eligibility to work in the UK</li> </ul>	<p>Yes Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>