

**Langford Veterinary Services
Equine Centre**

Job Description

Job Title: Equine Hospital Assistant

Reports To: Yard Manager

Job Purpose:

To assist the veterinary and support staff of the Equine Centre in maintaining a high standard of cleanliness and hygiene throughout all clinical areas; to assist with care of hospitalised horses and to assist veterinary surgeons by restraining horses during consultations and investigations. To maintain a high standard of cleanliness throughout the yards, stables and the Isolation unit

Principal Accountabilities:

- Assisting veterinary surgeons by restraining horses and performing yard duties to maintain cleanliness of the stable yards
- Maintain a high level of cleanliness throughout the hospital and the stable yards in particular.
- General care of the horses including feeding, walking, grooming and bathing of hospitalised horses
- Ensuring that stables are comfortable and safe by thorough cleaning and mucking out, providing adequate bedding as required
- Assisting veterinary surgeons and nurses through horse handling and restraint, and after further training with some clinical procedures, including lameness work-ups, taking of x-rays, treadmill and bone scans.
- Responsible for the thorough cleaning and maintenance of equipment, including endoscopes, dental instruments and all other equipment as necessary.
- Ensuring all necessary items are available for use at the holding boxes at all times, such as head collars, lead ropes, chiffrons etc., and care and maintenance of same.
- Loading and unloading of horses from lorries / trailers.
- General care of the horses whilst in the EDC, including watering, skipping out, attaching name tags etc.

- Assisting with the movement of horses to and from surgery, and post-surgery care of same.
- Assisting with the care of the University's teaching horses.
- 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 Yard Manager or Head Nurse.

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
Relevant experience, Skills and Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 3 years experience with horses • Recognising equine emergencies promptly • Good understanding of horse behaviour 	Yes Yes	Yes
Relevant Qualifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic stable management qualification (or proven track record of working with horses) 	Yes	
Communication and Interpersonal Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating effectively with clients • Ability to work within a team • Ability to act independently 	Yes Yes Yes	
Additional Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible approach to work • Self-motivated • Able to work 5 of 7 days including at least one weekend day • Eligibility to work in the UK 	Yes Yes Yes Yes	

I understand and agree the principle accountabilities of my job description

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