

Langford Veterinary Services

Job Description

Job Title: Theatre Nurse
Reports To: Head Theatre Nurse

Job Purpose:

The main purpose of the post is to support the smooth operation of the clinical activities within the surgery building by assisting with surgical procedures, administering nursing care to animals, promoting client communication and working within the Terms of the RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct for Nurses.

Principal Accountabilities:

- To provide specialist nursing support to Soft Tissue Surgery, Neurology and Orthopaedic Surgery as both a circulating and scrubbed nurse.
- To prepare for and assist with the delivery of anaesthesia – to include anaesthetic machine checks, selecting and safety checking breathing systems and endotracheal tubes, assisting with patient restraint and placement of intravenous catheters.
- To prepare theatres and surgical trolleys for use during surgery – to include selecting appropriate surgical instruments and consumables, liaison with clinician in charge regarding requirements, ensuring surgical equipment within theatre (diathermy/suction) functioning and set up, ensuring pre-operative x-rays are available as required.
- Sterilising and maintenance of surgical instruments and equipment. Use of autoclave and ethylene oxide sterilizing units – to include cleaning, lubricating and checking function of instruments and equipment, wrapping of single instruments/kits and consumables to ensure effective sterilisation.
- To assist with the clinical diagnosis of patients including assisting with radiography, ultrasound, blood sampling – to include sedation of patients as required.
- To provide nursing care to patients in the post-operative recovery period
- To admit/discharge and organise out-patient referral caseload

- 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' computer records in order to keep the invoice up to date at all times during their stay.
- Assessment and supervision of BVSc and VNPA undergraduates during clinical rotations. Assessing the students on a daily basis while on clinical rotations, advising them on techniques used, assisting with preparing for surgery. Assessing VNPA students for the NVQ portfolio. To include working as a Clinical Coach for nursing students.
- Participating in a nurse rota for 37.5 hours per week, working different shifts and different areas of surgery on a rotational basis.
- Participation in the On Call rota which includes weekends
- 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 animals 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	
<p>Relevant Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCVS Listed Veterinary Nurse • Advanced Diploma • Clinical coach or similar 	<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 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>