

Langford Veterinary Services

Job Description

Job Title: Registered Veterinary Nurse – Full Time

Reports To: Head Veterinary Nurse

Job Purpose:

The main purpose of the post is to support the smooth operation of the clinical activities within the Small Animal Practice.

Duties will include assisting with medical and surgical procedures, performing nurse clinics, promoting client communication and supervising BVSc and VNBA students on clinical rotations.

Principal Accountabilities:

- Assisting veterinary surgeons with clinical procedures
- Perform nursing duties such as monitoring anaesthesia, assisting with medical & 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
- Running and promoting nurse clinics and taking an active role in marketing the practice, to include assisting at client seminars and events
- 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
- Supporting undergraduate students on their clinical rotations
- Participating in a nurse rota for 37.5 hours per week including up to 1:4 Saturday shifts; at present the practice is open between Monday-Saturday lunchtime
- 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"> • Able to carry out veterinary nursing duties as listed above • Confidence and experience in effective handling and restraint of animals • Experience of supervising veterinary students 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Relevant Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered Veterinary Nurse • A1 Assessor 	<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 	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>