

**Langford Veterinary Services
Small Animal Hospital**

Job Description

Job Title: Twilight Animal Care Assistant

Reports To: Head Night Nurse

Job Purpose:

To assist the veterinary and support staff of the Small Animal Hospital in maintaining a high standard of cleanliness and hygiene throughout all clinical areas. To assist clinicians and nursing staff with the provision of in-patient care, throughout all stages of the patient's treatment. To maintain wards and other clinical areas, to include cleaning and stocking up. To maintain the laundry and kitchen area, to include loading and unloading of washing machines/tumble dryers, folding and storing of clean bedding, cleaning of feed bowls and litter trays.

Principal Accountabilities:

- Assist veterinary surgeons and nurses with clinical procedures and patient handling and restraint
- Maintain a high level of asepsis throughout the hospital including wards and other clinical areas and to ensure all areas are adequately stocked with supplies and consumables.
- Assist the veterinary nurses with inpatient care including feeding, walking and cleaning of hospitalised animals.
- Maintain the laundry and kitchen area, to include loading and unloading of washing machines/tumble dryers, folding and storing of clean bedding, cleaning of feed bowls and litter trays.
- Assist the veterinary nurses and clinicians with in patient procedures such as bandage changes, x-rays, physiotherapy, blood sampling and catheter placement.
- Maintaining accurate patient records with regards to all clinical notes, treatment, diagnoses, client communication and client /patient information
- Maintaining a good working relationship with all team members
- Communicating in an effective and pleasant manner with clients and colleagues
- Have a flexible approach to working pattern, providing cover for other staff absences as necessary

- Carry out all other reasonable duties as requested by 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
Relevant experience, Skills and Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical experience working in a veterinary or animal based environment • Confidence and experience in effective handling and restraint of animals 	Yes	Yes
Relevant Qualifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Nursing Assistant qualification or certificate in Animal Care • Basic understanding of English language and mathematics 	Yes	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 • Interest in advancing own qualifications • Eligibility to work in the UK 	Yes Yes	Yes