

Langford Veterinary Services Ltd

Job Description

Job Title: Equine Hospital Assistant

Reports To: Yard Manager

Job Purpose:

To assist the veterinary and support staff in the Equine Centre, to maintain a high standard of cleanliness and hygiene throughout all clinical areas.

To help with the care of hospitalised horses and assist veterinary surgeons with the restraining during consultations and investigations. Maintain a high standard of bio security throughout the yards, stables, Equine Diagnostic Centre and Isolation unit.

Principal Accountabilities:

- Assisting veterinary surgeons by restraining horses.
- Maintain a high level of cleanliness and bio security throughout the hospital.
- Perform all yard duties and general care of the horses, including feeding, walking out, grooming and bathing of patients.
- Ensuring all stables are thoroughly mucked out, have ample bedding and are cleaned and disinfected on patient's discharge.
- Assisting veterinary surgeons and nurses through horse handling and restraint. After further training you will be expected to help with some clinical procedures including lameness work-ups, taking of x-rays, treadmill training, holding for standing surgeries and bone scans.
- Equine hospital assistants are responsible for ensuring all necessary hospital equipment is always available for use and it is cleaned and well maintained, including endoscopes, dental instruments, head collars, lead ropes, chifney's etc.
- Ensuring all patients are groomed, cleaned and presented well whilst in hospital and when discharged.
- Maintaining accurate patient records with regards to patient information.

- Ensuring the EDC and examination rooms are clean, swept and stock replenished.
- 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.
- Must have good communication skills and pleasant manner with all members of staff and clients.
- 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 a variety of 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 • Participate in the weekend rota as required • Eligibility to work in the UK 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	