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Administer basic nursing care to animals in a Home Office designated establishment



Overview

This standard covers administering basic nursing care to animals in a Home Office designated establishment. This may be applied when an animal is showing signs of deviation from normal health, for example following a non-surgical regulated procedure, injury or disease.

The objective of the nursing care will be to return the animal to 'normal' and will be agreed with the appropriate staff.

Basic nursing care will require the use of equipment and monitoring animals by checking them as necessary.

This standard is for animal technologists and licensed animal technologists in Home Office designated establishments.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 use safe practices and the appropriate personal protective equipment
- P2 maintain appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security
- P3 confirm the animal's condition and the required level of nursing care with the veterinary surgeon or responsible licensee including:
 - P3.1 food and drink intake,
 - P3.2 general observation and monitoring,
 - P3.3 replacing dressings and bandages,
 - P3.4 wound management,
 - P3.5 monitoring and managing gastro-intestinal and urinary function,
 - P3.6 bodyweight monitoring
- P4 obtain suitable supplies of equipment and materials to administer nursing care
- P5 ensure the animal is handled correctly and keep it as calm and comfortable as possible
- P6 administer basic nursing care according to the veterinary surgeon or responsible licensee
- P7 monitor the progress of the animal which is being nursed
- P8 alert the appropriate person to any problems the animal shows during its nursing care
- P9 keep accurate and up to date records as required by legislation and the organisation
- P10 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with legislation
- P11 comply with legislation relating to the care and welfare of animals in a Home Office designated establishment
- P12 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the importance and correct use of personal protective equipment
- K2 the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and how this can be achieved
- K3 how to recognise 'normal' health in the animals you are working with including: vital signs, body functions, behaviour and appearance
- K4 why it is important to confirm the animal's condition and the required nursing care with the appropriate staff (e.g. veterinary surgeon/responsible licensee)
- K5 the basic nursing care that different animals may require:
 - K5.1 food and drink intake,
 - K5.2 general observation and monitoring,
 - K5.3 replacing dressings and bandages,
 - K5.4 wound management,
 - K5.5 monitoring and managing gastro-intestinal and urinary function
 - K5.6 body weight monitoring
- K6 additional care required for animals with infectious/contagious diseases
- K7 how the intended use of the animal affects the compatibility of any nursing care applied
- K8 the actions needed when nursing animals with zoonotic conditions
- K9 the equipment and materials used for different types of nursing care
- K10 how to position and restrain different animal species for different nursing care
- K11 monitoring methods used during different types of nursing care
- K12 indicators of change in condition during nursing care, and the reasons for reporting these
- K13 the types of problems which may occur when administering nursing care
- K14 the legal and organisational requirements for the handling, storage and disposal of waste
- K15 appropriate records to be kept and their significance
- K16 your responsibilities for the care and welfare of animals in a Home Office designated establishment under relevant animal welfare legislation, European directives and UK codes of practice
- K17 your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies

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