## Support the admission of animals for care



#### **Overview**

This standard is about supporting qualified veterinary staff when admitting animals into care for medical or surgical procedures.

This standard is suitable for lay members of veterinary practice staff working under the direction of qualified veterinary staff.

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# Performance criteria

ou must be able to:	P1	check the details of the owner and the animal for which admission is required
	P2	check and complete relevant forms for admission and consent
	P3	check the procedure for which the animal is to be admitted with its records and confirm with a member of qualified veterinary staff and with
		the owner
	P4	make the animal's records available at the time of admission and ensure they are transferred with the animal
	P5	consult qualified veterinary staff if you or the owner are in any doubt regarding the admission
	P6	assist with completion of admission and/or consent forms with qualified staff according to practice policy
	P7	inform the owner of how and when to contact the practice to discuss the progress of the animal after admission
	P8	check the animal is safe, correctly identified and adequately restrained so the owner can leave it without risk of escape
	P9	ensure that the welfare of the animal is considered during the admittance procedures
	P10	comply with health and safety regulations and guidelines at all times

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# Knowledge and understanding

You need to	know and
understand	:

- K1 the importance of correctly identifying the client, the animal and the reason for admission
- K2 the reason for having the case record available and for completing a consent form
- K3 the reason for the owner signing the form and the importance of informed consent
- K4 the protocols followed in your practice for admitting animals and for maintaining contact with the owners while the animal is in hospital
- K5 basic animal management, including handling, restraint and identification
- K6 conditions that require care with transporting animals
- K7 the records that must be completed once an animal has been admitted
- K8 health and safety policy relating to animal handling, restraint and manual handling
- K9 animal health and welfare legislation
- K10 the appropriate type of physical and emotional assistance to offer to clients

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