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Assist with the provision of basic nursing care to animals



Overview

This standard covers assisting with the provision of basic nursing care to animals. Nursing care could include any of the following:

1. food and fluid intake
2. general observation and monitoring
3. replacing dressings and bandages
4. monitoring wounds
5. assisted feeding
6. monitored gastro-intestinal and urinary function
7. five freedoms' assessments
8. first aid

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

- You must be able to:*
- P1 confirm the animal's condition and the level of nursing care required with a qualified member of veterinary practice staff
 - P2 confirm and obtain supplies of equipment and materials needed to carry out the required nursing care
 - P3 handle the animal in an appropriate way and keep it as calm and comfortable as possible
 - P4 administer basic nursing care according to the direction of qualified veterinary staff
 - P5 assisted qualified veterinary staff in the provision of first aid or emergency treatment if required
 - P6 monitor the progress of the animal being nursed by checking the following as required:
 - P6.1. vital signs
 - P6.2. mucous membranes
 - P6.3. normal body functions and behaviour
 - P6.4. appearance
 - P6.5. welfare needs
 - P7 alert a qualified member of veterinary staff to any problems with the animal or with the care being given
 - P8 complete records as required by the veterinary practice
 - P9 dispose of surplus and waste materials safely and correctly
 - P10 comply with health and safety regulations and guidelines at all times
 - P11 comply with animal welfare legislation at all times

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 why it is important to confirm the animal's condition and the required nursing care with qualified veterinary staff
- K2 the basic nursing care that different cases require and the additional care required for infectious/contagious diseases
- K3 the actions needed when nursing animals with infectious or zoonotic conditions
- K4 the equipment and materials used for different types of nursing care
- K5 how to position and restrain different animal species for different nursing care
- K6 the principles of first aid
- K7 the protocols that apply to the provision of first aid and emergency treatment in your practice
- K8 the monitoring methods used during different types of nursing care
- K9 indicators of change in condition during nursing care and the reasons for reporting such problems
- K10 the types of problems that may occur
- K11 the correct methods for the disposal of surplus and waste materials
- K12 the principles and key points of the relevant health and safety and animal welfare regulations and guidelines
- K13 the appropriate infection control procedures

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