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Administer nursing care to animals in veterinary accommodation



Overview

This standard covers providing nursing care to animals and administering nursing care to animals of different life stages.

Nursing care could include the following:

1. food and fluid intake
2. general observation and monitoring
3. assessment and monitoring of wounds
4. manage dressings and bandages
5. assisted feeding
6. medication management (with regard to timing, frequency and date)
7. monitoring and managing gastro-intestinal and urinary function

This standard is suitable for registered veterinary nurses.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 confirm the animal's condition and the required level of nursing care with qualified veterinary staff
 - P2 ensure supplies of suitable equipment and materials are available to carry out the required nursing care
 - P3 ensure the animal is handled correctly and keep it as calm and comfortable as possible
 - P4 administer nursing care according to the instructions of qualified veterinary staff
 - P5 monitor the progress of the animal that is being nursed by checking the following as required:
 - P5.1. vital signs
 - P5.2. mucous membranes
 - P5.3. normal body functions and behaviour
 - P5.4. appearance
 - P5.5. welfare needs
 - P6 alert an appropriate person to any problems the animal shows during its nursing care
 - P7 dispose of surplus and waste materials safely and correctly
 - P8 complete records as required by the veterinary practice
 - P9 assess the potential risks to health and safety in this area of work
 - P10 comply with animal health and welfare legislation and codes of practice
 - P11 assess the five freedoms of the animal and how they may be addressed or affected whilst in your care
 - P12 select and implement appropriate infection control procedures
 - P13 maintain your own professional conduct

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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 nursing care that different classes require and the additional care required
- K3 the actions needed when nursing animals with infectious or zoonotic conditions
- K4 the equipment and materials used in the provision of different types of nursing care
- K5 how to position and restrain different animal species for different nursing care
- K6 the monitoring methods used during different types of nursing care
- K7 indicators of change in condition during nursing care and the reasons for reporting such problems
- K8 disposal of surplus and waste materials
- K9 how to minimise stress in hospitalised patients
- K10 the principles and key points of relevant health and safety regulations and guidelines
- K11 appropriate infection and control measures
- K12 your professional responsibilities as a registered veterinary nurse
- K13 your responsibilities for the health and welfare of animals under current legislation and codes of practice

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