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## Discharge animals from care



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### Overview

This standard is about discharging the animal from the care of the veterinary practice and back into the care of the client. The animal could be discharged following surgical cases or medical cases.

This standard is suitable for registered veterinary nurses.

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### Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 check the details of the owner and the animal being discharged
  - P2 confirm that the animal is ready for discharge
  - P3 return the animal to its owner with any relevant treatment and belongings
  - P4 explain and ensure the owner understands the after care that the animal requires at home
  - P5 ensure that the owner knows when to report progress or to return for follow up appointments
  - P6 complete all relevant records when discharging the animal in accordance with practice procedures
  - P7 select and implement appropriate infection control measures
  - P8 maintain your own professional conduct
  - P9 comply with animal health and welfare legislation and codes of practice

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 your practice's procedures for discharging animals and accepting payments for treatment
- K2 the aftercare required following routine medical and surgical procedures, including any necessary feeding and exercise regimes
- K3 how to advise clients on effective observation and aftercare of the animal
- K4 the techniques for administering medication (by various routes) that owners will have to be familiar with
- K5 how to communicate effectively with clients
- K6 appropriate infection control measures
- K7 your professional responsibilities as a registered veterinary nurse
- K8 your responsibilities for the health and welfare of animals under current legislation and codes of practice

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