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Administer specialised nursing and treatments to veterinary patients



Overview

This standard is about the administration of specialised nursing treatments to patients and monitoring their condition at appropriate intervals.

This standard is suitable for registered veterinary nurses.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 assess the patient's nursing requirements in relation to their condition
 - P2 formulate a nursing care plan in consultation with qualified veterinary staff
 - P3 administer nursing care to meet the needs of the patient, its condition and treatment requirements
 - P4 monitor and record the patient's condition at appropriate intervals following practice policy, including:
 - P4.1. body temperature
 - P4.2. circulation
 - P4.3. respiratory function
 - P4.4. neurological function
 - P4.5. nutritional status
 - P4.6. fluid balance
 - P4.7. bowel and urinary function
 - P4.8. behaviour
 - P4.9. pain and distress
 - P4.10. weight
 - P5 evaluate the effectiveness of the nursing care and review the nursing plan accordingly
 - P6 alert the qualified veterinary staff to any problems that arise during the patient's stay in hospital
 - P7 assess the potential risks to health and safety in this area of work
 - P8 comply with animal health and welfare legislation and codes of practice
 - P9 select and implement appropriate infection control procedures
 - P10 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 condition of the animal and its requirements for treatment and nursing care with the qualified veterinary staff
- K2 the nursing care required by animals and how to provide this
- K3 how to formulate a nursing care plan for a patient, taking into account their specific medical or post-surgical conditions
- K4 the veterinary treatments needed for animals with specific medical and post-surgical conditions and how to administer these
- K5 why monitoring is important and what monitoring should be performed and recorded when nursing specific conditions and/or critically ill patients
- K6 the importance of the position of the animal in relation to its care and minimising the risks of pressure injuries
- K7 the role and methods of physical therapy used as part of a veterinary care plan
- K8 how monitoring should be recorded to enable assessment of the patient's progress
- K9 how to recognise problems arising with in-patients and when the qualified veterinary staff should be alerted
- K10 how to recognise emergency situations and take the necessary action
- K11 how to dispose of surplus and waste materials
- K12 the principles and key points of relevant health and safety regulations and guidelines
- K13 appropriate infection control measures
- K14 your professional responsibilities as a registered veterinary nurse
- K15 your responsibilities for the health and welfare of animals under current legislation and codes of practice

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