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Administer emergency first aid and assist with the provision of emergency treatment to animals



Overview

This standard is about administering emergency first aid to animals and being able to assist in the emergency treatment of animals.

This standard is suitable for registered veterinary nurses.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 assess the animal's condition quickly and accurately
- P2 assess the risks involved in the provision of emergency first aid to animals
- P3 examine the whole animal to make a complete assessment of its condition
- P4 obtain any necessary additional information on the animal where possible e.g. current conditions, recent history of veterinary care
- P5 prioritise first aid actions to stabilise the animal and prevent further deterioration and pain
- P6 administer first aid to the animal according to practice procedures within the limits of your own responsibility
- P7 monitor the outcomes of your first aid
- P8 inform the qualified veterinary staff as soon as possible about the animal's condition
- P9 assist the qualified veterinary staff in the provision of emergency treatment
- P10 assess the potential risks to health and safety in this area of work
- P11 comply with animal health and welfare legislation and codes of practice
- 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 the principles of animal first aid
- K2 the protocols that apply to the provision of first aid and emergency treatment to animals in your practice
- K3 why it is important to quickly and correctly ascertain the condition of the animal
- K4 clinical signs of common first aid conditions in animals
- K5 the threat to the animal's life posed by common first aid situations
- K6 how to stabilise animals with different problems and how to prioritise first aid treatment
- K7 how to administer different types of first aid to animals
- K8 the indications that first aid is having the desired effect and what else can be done to improve its effectiveness
- K9 why it is important to keep the client informed of the actions being taken where necessary
- K10 why it is important to report the condition to the qualified veterinary staff as soon as possible
- K11 the risks involved in the provision of emergency first aid and assistance with the provision of emergency treatment to animals
- K12 assess the five freedoms of the animal and how they may be addressed or affected whilst in your care
- K13 the principles and key points of relevant health and safety regulations and guidelines
- K14 appropriate infection control measures
- K15 your professional responsibilities as a registered veterinary nurse
- K16 your responsibilities for the health and welfare of animals under current legislation and codes of practice

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