

# LANRVN31

## Work to professional veterinary nursing practice standards



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### Overview

This standard is about the requirements of working as registered veterinary nurse and the responsibilities associated with being a member of a regulated profession. It includes maintaining professional standards and ethics in veterinary practice.

The standard is suitable for registered veterinary nurses.

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### Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 identify, analyse and evaluate issues associated with being a professional veterinary nurse and that you are accountable for your actions
  - P2 work within the remit of Schedule 3 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act (1966)
  - P3 work within the requirements of the RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct for Veterinary Nurses
  - P4 assess the requirements of animal health and welfare on your work
  - P5 use evidence-based practice to inform nursing interventions
  - P6 take responsibility for your decisions as part of your professional role
  - P7 reflect upon your own performance when carrying out veterinary duties
  - P8 plan, record and evaluate Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
  - P9 assist with the process of obtaining informed consent
  - P10 support colleagues and clients who wish to raise concerns about unprofessional conduct

### **Ethics in veterinary practice**

- You must be able to:*
- P11 identify ethical issues in the workplace
  - P12 participate in the ethical decision making process
  - P13 apply framework to assist in the ethical decision making process
  - P14 identify ways of minimising (refining) the impact of an ethical decision
  - P15 reflect upon the decision making process
  - P16 support colleagues and clients who wish to raise concerns about an ethical issue

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 the requirements associated with being a professional veterinary nurse and the significance of regulation
- K2 the Veterinary Surgeons Act (1966) in relation to veterinary nurses
- K3 the RCVS regulatory bye-laws in relation to veterinary nurses
- K4 your responsibilities under animal health and welfare legislation
- K5 the requirements of the RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct for Veterinary Nurses
- K6 the RCVS disciplinary system for veterinary nurses
- K7 the RCVS requirements for CPD and the need to maintain professional competence
- K8 how to identify and evaluate evidence used to inform nursing practice
- K9 the requirement for clinical audit
- K10 the role of professional bodies and associations allied to the veterinary industry
- K11 the role of animal welfare charities and other animal organisations
- K12 the legal system to include Civil and Criminal Law (NB differences in Scottish Law)
- K13 the concepts of 'duty of care' and 'negligence' and their application to veterinary nursing practice
- K14 the importance of maintaining client and patient confidentiality and the requirements of the current data protection legislation
- K15 how to support colleagues and clients who may wish to raise concerns about unprofessional conduct (to include whistle blowing)
- K16 the importance of obtaining informed consent and how to evaluate organisational procedures and systems implemented to facilitate this

### **Ethics in veterinary practice**

*You need to know and understand:*

- K17 how to identify ethical issues within the workplace
- K18 how to apply ethical theories and principles to the ethical issues identified
- K19 the procedures involved in the ethical decision making process
- K20 the role of each member of the practice team in the ethical decision making process
- K21 how to minimise the impact of an ethical decision (refinement)
- K22 how to reflect upon the ethical decision making process

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