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Assist qualified veterinary staff during medical procedures and investigations



Overview

This standard is about assisting qualified veterinary staff during medical procedures and investigations.

Assistance will take the form of:

1. monitoring the animal
2. providing equipment and materials
3. recording in the correct documentation

The types of procedures and investigations may include:

4. examination
5. sample collection
6. fluid therapy
7. medication
8. applying dressings and bandages
9. diagnostic procedures

This standard is suitable for registered veterinary nurses.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 establish the assistance that is required during medical procedures and investigations
 - P2 provide assistance according to the requirements of the qualified veterinary staff and the condition of the animal
 - P3 monitor the animal during the medical procedure or investigation and bring any problems to the attention of the appropriate person
 - P4 obtain information that is required by the qualified veterinary staff promptly and effectively
 - P5 provide equipment and materials for the qualified veterinary staff
 - P6 record all the details of the medical procedure or investigation in the correct documentation
 - P7 carry out any necessary actions after the medical procedure or investigation is complete, including handling and processing of samples
 - P8 assess the potential risks to health and safety in this area of work
 - P9 comply with animal health and welfare legislation and codes of practice
 - P10 assess the five freedoms of the animal and how they may be addressed or affected whilst in your care
 - P11 select and implement appropriate infection control procedures
 - P12 maintain your own professional conduct

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the assistance which is required by the qualified veterinary staff during medical procedures and investigations
- K2 the information required on animals for medical procedures and investigations
- K3 the type of equipment and materials needed during medical procedures and investigations
- K4 basic animal management, including handling and restraint, for different types of procedures and behaviours
- K5 problems that can arise during procedures and why it is important to bring them to the attention of the qualified veterinary staff
- K6 how and why you must record the details of the procedure
- K7 infection control procedures
- K8 the measures necessary to keep risks to staff, animals and others to a minimum
- K9 how to recognise the signs of distress, pain and clinical deterioration
- K10 the principles and key points of relevant health and safety regulations and guidelines
- K11 appropriate infection 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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