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Admit animals for veterinary care



Overview

This standard is about admitting animals into the veterinary practice. It covers admitting animals for medical or surgical procedures.

It is important that the registered veterinary nurse ensures all details regarding client, animal, reason for admission, history, food and fluid intake, weight and any special care requirements are all recorded accurately.

This standard is suitable for registered veterinary nurses.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 confirm the procedure and details for which the animal is to be admitted from its records and with the owner (check passport section IX status – equine only)
 - P2 ensure the owner understands what is to be done, why and if there are any risks
 - P3 ensure the admission form is completed with the details required according to veterinary practice procedures
 - P4 ensure that a care plan is in place for the animal
 - P5 ensure the owner reads, understands and signs the consent form
 - P6 inform the owner of how and when to establish contact with the practice
 - P7 confirm the animal is safe, correctly identified and adequately restrained so the owner can leave it without risk of escape
 - P8 ensure the necessary records are completed once the animal has been admitted
 - P9 assess the potential risks to health and safety in this area of work
 - P10 comply with animal health and welfare legislation and codes of practice
 - 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 importance of correctly identifying the client, the animal and the reason for admission
- K2 the purpose of the case record and the consent form
- K3 the purpose of having a care plan and its importance
- K4 the importance of the owner signing the form and why this must be informed consent
- K5 the reasons for supporting clients with specific needs when completing documents
- K6 the protocols followed in your practice for admitting animals and for maintaining contact with the owners whilst the animal is in hospital
- K7 methods of identification for the animal and its belongings
- K8 the importance of completing all records once an animal has been admitted
- K9 the principles and key points of relevant health and safety regulations and guidelines
- K10 appropriate infection control measures
- K11 your professional responsibilities as a registered veterinary nurse
- K12 your responsibilities for the health and welfare of animals under current legislation and codes of practice

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