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Manage the care of veterinary patients in accommodation



Overview

This standard is about managing the care for animals in accommodation. It covers ensuring that the accommodation is cleaned and prepared to suit the condition of the animal and monitoring the condition of animals in the accommodation. In carrying out this work you will be caring for animals during illness, recovery from surgical procedures and hospitalisation.

The work covered in this standard contributes to infection control and the prevention of transfer of infectious diseases to future occupants of the accommodation.

This standard is suitable for registered veterinary nurses.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 select accommodation to suit the patient and its requirements, including:
 - P1.1. condition of animal
 - P1.2. isolation
 - P1.3. treatment regime
 - P1.4. temperament
 - P2 ensure that accommodation is cleaned and disinfected correctly in accordance with the needs of the patient and practice procedures
 - P3 ensure that the environmental conditions in the accommodation are adjusted to suit the condition and species of the patient, including:
 - P3.1. light
 - P3.2. temperature
 - P3.3. humidity
 - P3.4. ventilation
 - P3.5. noise
 - P4 ensure that accommodation is in good condition and is safe and secure
 - P5 ensure that appropriate bedding and materials suitable for the patient and its condition are provided
 - P6 ensure that appropriate nutrition and fluids for the patient and its condition are provided at the correct frequency
 - P7 check that accommodation is correctly labelled with patient details and that records are completed in accordance with practice procedures
 - P8 restrict access to the accommodation according to practice procedures

Monitor and care for patients in accommodation

- You must be able to:*
- P9 monitor in-patients according to their conditions and instructions from senior veterinary staff, including:
 - P9.1. faeces and urine output
 - P9.2. food and fluid intake
 - P9.3. behaviour
 - P9.4. clinical parameters
 - P9.5. pain and distress
 - P10 provide appropriate care to the in-patients according to their condition and the instructions of qualified veterinary staff, which could include:
 - P10.1. nutrition and fluids
 - P10.2. grooming
 - P10.3. handling
 - P10.4. environment
 - P11 identify any problems with patients and take the appropriate action
 - P12 provide patients with stimulation and affection wherever practicable
 - P13 maintain the security of the patients to protect them from injury, theft or escape

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- P14 record the monitoring of patients in the appropriate information systems
- P15 assess the potential risks to health and safety in this area of work
- P16 comply with animal health and welfare legislation and codes of practice
- P17 select and implement appropriate infection control procedures
- P18 maintain your own professional conduct
- P19 assess the five freedoms of the animal and how they may be addressed or affected whilst in your care

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 practice requirements for the standard of patient accommodation
- K2 what type of accommodation is suitable for different patients and clinical conditions
- K3 suitable environmental conditions for different patients and the way they can be adjusted, including light, temperature, ventilation, humidity and noise
- K4 how to select and use cleaning methods and materials that are suitable for the accommodation, the patients and the cases involved
- K5 appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) required
- K6 requirements for the handling and storage of potentially harmful substances
- K7 how to dispose of surplus and waste materials
- K8 practice procedure for rectifying any damage to accommodation e.g. mesh, locks, grills, doors, frames, glass and internal fittings
- K9 the types of bedding that should be provided for different patients and clinical conditions
- K10 the suitable types and quantities of nutrition and fluids needed by different patients
- K11 how to maintain safety and security of the accommodation
- K12 who is authorised to access patient accommodation

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You need to know and understand:

- K13 how and when animals should be monitored, and how patients' conditions influence such monitoring
- K14 the different types and level of care normally provided in accommodation
- K15 the indications that patients might be having problems and why it is important to bring them to the attention of veterinary surgeons
- K16 how to minimise stress in hospitalised patients
- K17 how and when to stimulate patients and how different patients respond
- K18 the principles and key points of relevant health and safety regulations and guidelines
- K19 appropriate infection control measures
- K20 your professional responsibilities as a registered veterinary nurse
- K21 your responsibilities for the health and welfare of animals under current legislation and codes of practice

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