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Medical Nurse Assignment

Date: _____

Assess patient status (all patients--surgical patients should already be under the care of the anesthetist but assist where needed as first priority).

Perform a thorough examination of all non-surgical patients.

Make concise, complete, medically oriented observations on patient record (SOAP format).

Work cooperatively with class members to practice the tasks listed below.

1) Communication: Communicate in a professional manner in all formats – written, oral, non-verbal, and electronic.

Tasks:

Apply understanding of interpersonal skills and team dynamics in all aspects of team dynamics

Utilize interpersonal and public relations skills

Demonstrate telephone etiquette

Recognize the legality of the veterinary-client-patient relationship

Apply crisis intervention/grief management skills with clients

2) Laws and Ethics: Follow and uphold applicable laws and the veterinary technology profession's ethical codes to provide high quality care to patients.

Understand and observe legal boundaries of veterinary health care team members

Interact professionally with clients and fellow staff members

Demonstrate a commitment to high quality patient care

Respect and protect the confidentiality of client and patient information

3) Pharmacy Administration: Safely and effectively administer prescribed drugs to patients.

Prepare medications; label and package dispensed drugs correctly

Read and follow veterinarian's pharmacy orders

Recognize groups of drugs, their mechanisms, and clinically relevant side effects

Recognize the safe and effective manner in which vaccines must be administered; recognize and explain common side effects

Accurately perform appropriate calculations; use weights and measures correctly

Safely and effectively administer drugs by common parenteral and enteral routes; be able to explain appropriate routes and methods and when used

Monitor therapeutic responses

Demonstrate the ability to accurately record medical information

Demonstrate understanding of regulations governing maintenance of controlled substances log book

Demonstrate compliance with all federal regulatory guidelines for drug purchase, storage, administration, withdrawal, dispensing, disposal, and inventory control (e.g., biologics and therapeutic agents, pesticides, and hazardous wastes)

Given a drug order, properly prepare medications for dispensing, including performing accurate calculations

Relay drug information to clients (e.g., handling, storage, administration, side-effects, drug interactions, safety, reasons for use of drug)

4) Patient assessment: Demonstrate and perform patient assessment techniques in a variety of animal species.

Recognize common domestic animal species and breeds

Describe and use common animal identification methods

Demonstrate effective and appropriate restraint techniques for various animal species

○ encage and remove small animals from cages

○ apply dog muzzle safely

○ apply Elizabethan collar

○ use restraint pole and other restraint aids

○ halter, tie, and lead horses and cattle

○ restrain birds

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- restrain pocket pets and exotics
- restrain cattle and horses
 - ◇ apply twitch (horses)
 - ◇ apply bovine tail restraint
 - ◇ apply nose tongs/leads
- restrain sheep and swine
- load large animals

Obtain objective patient data:

- temperature (dog, cat, horse, cow)
- pulse (dog, cat, horse, cow)
- respiration (dog, cat, horse, cow)
- auscultate heart/lungs

5) Patient care: Understand and demonstrate husbandry, nutrition, therapeutic and dentistry techniques appropriate to various animal species.

Grooming

- perform therapeutic bathing, basic grooming, and dipping of small animals
- trim nails (dogs, cats, birds, pocket pets)
- trim hooves (ruminant, horses)
- apply equine tail and leg wraps
- express canine anal sacs
- clean and medicate ears (dog, cat)

Environmental conditions

- implement sanitation procedures for animal holding and housing areas

Demonstrate understanding of permanent identification

Administer parenteral medications:

- subcutaneous
- intramuscular
- intradermal
- intraperitoneal
- intravenous

Administer enteral medications:

- balling gun (ruminant)
- dose syringe (ruminant, horse)
- gastric intubation (small animal)
- hand pilling (dog, cat)

Administer topical medications (including eye meds, fluorescein staining and Schirmer tear test)

Perform ocular diagnostic tests (including tonometry, fluorescein staining and Schirmer tear test)

Administer enemas

Apply and remove bandages and splints