

Admit and discharge animal patients

Level 3

Credits 4

Purpose People credited with this unit standard are able to: admit animal patients; and explain post-surgical care to the owner, and discharge animal patients.

Subfield Animal Care and Handling

Domain Veterinary Nursing

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Standard setting body (SSB) Primary Industry Training Organisation

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This AMAP can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Special notes

- 1 For credit, evidence must be in accordance with the statutory and industry requirements contained in the following documents.
Relevant and current National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) Codes of Welfare and Codes of Recommendations and Minimum Standards, available at <http://www.maf.govt.nz>, under animal welfare.
Animal Welfare Act 1999, Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, Privacy Act 1993, and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 *In-house procedures* refer to the documented policies and procedures for animal handling and ethical behaviour codes required by the employer.

Elements and performance criteria

Element 1

Admit animal patients.

Range routine, emergency.

Performance criteria

1.1 A complete and accurate case history is obtained according to in-house procedures.

Range animal identification, animal details, owner details, client information, payment options, labelled possessions, previous treatment by another veterinarian.

1.2 The relevance of the consent form is explained to the owner, and completed by the owner according to in-house procedures.

1.3 The animal's requirements are met in its temporary accommodation according to the individual and the condition.

Range bedding, food, water, special items, opportunity to empty bladder/bowels, labelled cage/kennel, patient identification.

1.4 Information is provided to the client regarding proposed treatment and care while in the clinic according to in-house procedures.

1.5 Information beyond the knowledge of self is assessed for specialist referral in accordance with in-house procedures.

Range clinic routine for surgery, when to call for progress reports, clinic hours, when animal may be able to return home.

1.6 Biological samples are received, identified, and labelled according to laboratory and examination requirements.

Element 2

Explain post-surgical care to the owner, and discharge animal patients.

Performance criteria

2.1 Animal is prepared for discharge and patient records completed according to in-house procedures.

Range groom, bath, deflea, check and change bandages and dressings, ensure surgical wounds clean.

- 2.2 Details of routine surgery and post-surgical observations to be made are explained to the owner as directed by the veterinarian.
- Range current health status, behaviour, wound and dressing care, complications, normal recovery, when to seek veterinary advice, dietary management, exercise, bedding and comfort requirements, toileting procedures, suture removal.
- 2.3 Details of ongoing medication are explained to the owner as directed by the veterinarian.
- Range reason for medication, storage of medication, frequency, timing, methods of administration, possible side effects and action to take.
- 2.4 Animal is discharged according to in-house procedures.

Please note

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Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

Comments on this unit standard

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