

JOB DESCRIPTION	
Job Title	Veterinary Surgeon
Responsible to	Owner
Staff Responsible for	None



Job Purpose

To provide a **“Gold Standard”** veterinary service at all times. To medically and surgically assess and treat animals presented at both the Practice and in the client’s home, in accordance to the standards and policies laid down by the Practice and RCVS.

Principal Accountabilities

- To perform consultation and medical treatment for a range of small animals.
- To undertake surgical operations (including neutering and general surgery) and the necessary tasks associated with such a procedure; anaesthesia, monitoring.
- To promote and safeguard the health and welfare of animals through client education and preventative medicine in accordance with AMV policy.
- Work to prevent disease in animals and the spread of disease.
- Carry out tests such as x-rays, blood samples and ultrasound scans.
- Immunise animals against different types of disease.
- Euthanise old and terminally ill animals.
- Handle and administer drugs accurately and in accordance with professional and health and safety guidelines. Dispose of any waste involved competently and swiftly and record all drugs administered to patients.
- Handle and dispose of chemicals and drugs in accordance with health and safety guidelines.
- To undertake, on a roster basis, emergency and out of hours veterinary cover.
- Complete training for Passports and provide suitable paperwork for animals travelling abroad, as well as inserting identification microchips.
- Maintain patient records on RX Works.
- Support the Practice in its endeavors to improve and increase business by means of marketing, education and self-improvement.
- Liaise with and refer to other professionals within the industry when required.
- Liaise with clients to inform them of on-going progress and treatment options for their pet, including the costs involved.
- To undertake any other duties as may be directed from time to time by the Owner or Practice Manager.
- Undertake CPD regularly to comply with RCVS regulations.

Appearance and Professional Duties

- Maintain staff relationships by treating each other with respect and professional courtesy.
- Maintain a professional appearance and approach while at work at all times.
- Arrive to work on time, ready and prepared to work by the start of each scheduled shift.
- Understand the importance of excellent attendance.
- Follow the practice policy for any absence.
- To work within practice policies and procedures.

Health, Safety & Wellbeing

- To take care of your own and others health and safety.
- Report any equipment or building defects to the Practice Manager or Owner immediately.
- Follow Practice policy and procedures relating to Health & Safety.
- To be conscious of your own and others mental well-being and report any concerns to senior staff.