**Veterinarian job description**

**Job brief**

Responsible for daily care of all surgical patients, ensuring all clinic staff members are adhering to proper pre-, peri- and post-operative care of patients. During designated training sessions, responsible for training participants in all aspects of patient care and efficient/safe clinic practices, maintaining a professional and friendly manner at all times

**Responsibilities**

* Provides compassionate care to patients.
* Works with owners to set practice medical policies and procedures; performs all duties in accordance with them.
* Performs physical examinations using preliminary date provided by the veterinary technicians; diagnoses physical condition and presents diagnostic and treatment alternatives to the client.
* Performs medical, surgical and dental procedures; provides emergency services in accordance with hospital policy.
* Promptly and accurately updates client records.
* Plans and carries out a significant program of personal medical continuing education.
* Takes time to communicate effectively with clients, presenting them with treatment alternatives and being sensitive to their emotional as well as financial status.
* Sets an example for the staff in dealing with clients; promotes the concept of the client-centered environment.
* Helps to develop new programs and processes that meet clients’ changing needs.
* Supervises veterinary technicians; works with them to assess their current skill level and to plan and implement their continuing education and growth; regularly schedules performance reviews.
* Delivers in-house medical training to the support staff.

**Requirements**

* Knowledge of principles, theories and practices of veterinary medicine and science. Knowledge of the procedures used for receiving, treating, and scheduling patients, for ordering medical supplies, and requesting laboratory tests.
* The associate must possess the mental and emotional health required for full utilization of his or her intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, the prompt completion of all responsibilities and responsibilities attendant to the diagnosis and care of patients, and the development of mature, sensitive and effective relationships with clients and the health care team.
* Ability to read and interpret documents, including federal and state regulations, operating and maintenance instructions, and procedure manuals, medical texts.
* Ability to write reports and correspondences.
* Knowledge of the use, care, and storage of veterinary instruments, materials, and equipment including sterilization techniques for various instruments and materials.
* Medicine and Dentistry — Knowledge of the information and techniques needed to diagnose and treat injuries, diseases, and deformities. This includes symptoms, treatment alternatives, drug properties and interactions, and preventive health-care measures.