



Job Title: Anaesthesia Registered Veterinary Nurse
Department: Nursing
Reporting to: Nursing Manager

About AURA Veterinary

AURA Veterinary is a centre for excellence in animal oncology and soft tissue surgery. Our daily focus is on delivering the best possible outcomes for the dogs and cats who are referred to us for treatment. We offer extensive clinical expertise and exceptional animal care, rooted in a commitment to uphold the highest standards in veterinary science. The facilities at AURA are state of the art and include four operating theatres, 160 slice CT scanner, C-arm fluoroscopy unit, Interventional Radiology suite, minimally invasive surgical equipment, cystoscopy/endoscopy/bronchoscopy, chemotherapy suite, ultrasonography, digital radiography, and full in-house laboratory.

Job Description

The role of an anaesthesia registered veterinary nurse (RVN) is vital in providing patient care to those requiring anaesthesia for imaging and surgery within the hospital. It requires the post holder to work closely with our clinical team to include the specialists, residents, interns, Senior RVNs, RVNs and Veterinary Care Assistants (VCAs). It is essential that the post holder is driven and motivated to learn and develop their clinical nursing skills and knowledge to an advanced level. The role requires dedication and hard work to ensure the delivery of the highest level of patient care. This role is specifically an anaesthesia-based role and is focussed on providing the best care to patients receiving anaesthesia. The RVN in this position will work closely with the Clinical Nursing Instructor in Anaesthesia and the Senior Clinicians – Anaesthesia, learning and using advanced nursing skills, problem-solving and often time-critical action to ensure the safety and welfare of all patients.

The post holder will require strong communication skills to carry out their duties when interacting with the clinical team and the non-clinical staff to include the front of house team, finance team, facilities, and stock controller in order to promote the flow of patients through all areas of the hospital. Communication with clients should be excellent to ensure that they are provided with all relevant information regarding the care for their pets.

The role will also be part of the general nursing rota in providing weekend, bank holiday and out of hours cover.

Professional Responsibilities:

- Maintain RCVS registration as an RVN.
- Follow the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) Code of Professional Conduct for Veterinary Nurses to include maintaining the five principles and the professional responsibilities regarding animals; clients; the profession; the veterinary team; the RCVS; and the public.
- To be familiar with your professional obligations and accountability in relation to the RCVS as a RVN and the VN Code of Conduct.
- Comply with the nursing rota as communicated by the Deputy Nursing Manager and Nursing Manager.

- Partake in on calls, weekends, and bank holidays on a rotational basis.
- Deliver all aspects of inpatient care to a high standard dependent on individual patient requirements, including emergency and critical care.
- Work with the Senior RVNs to ensure the most effective and efficient approach to complete the workload.
- Assist all clinical staff in the delivery of exceptional patient care not only to the patients you are directly responsible for but all patients in the hospital.
- To provide consistent, clear, clinical, and professional advice and duties and act as an exemplary RVN to all staff.
- Actively participate in and maintain continued professional development (CPD).
- Possess a desire to develop and advance clinical nursing skills and knowledge including emergency and critical care.
- Ensure communication with clients is fulfilled either directly by yourself or delegated within the clinical team as necessary.
- Communicate with clients to educate them in relation to the treatment and care of the patient.
- Be polite and respectful when communicating with clients and all team members.
- Report any stock deficiencies to the relevant personnel.
- Report any faulty equipment to the relevant personnel.
- Assist with patient pricing when requested to by the Senior RVNs or finance team.
- To attend and actively participate in RVN and other team meetings.
- Assist in the reporting of clinical errors to promote a culture of transparency and assist with hospital improvements.
- Maintain precise patient records through accurate notes.
- Work by the practices outlined in the standard operating procedures (SOPs).
- Work in accordance with the AURA protocols and policies.

Health & Safety

- Be aware of, and conversant with, the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974) and comply with the regulations set down to ensure safety to patients, staff, and visitors.
- Ensure a robust Infection Prevention and Control policy is in place and adhered to by all staff and visitors.
- Assist with the implementation Health and Safety/Infection control audits, producing rectification plans as needed.
- Ensure all incidents and untoward occurrences are recorded according to hospital policy.
- Be aware of, and conversant with, the hospital Fire Policy and be fully aware of the position of fire alarms, emergency equipment and exits.

Governance

- Assist the Clinical Directors and Nursing Manager in ensuring compliance with risk assurance processes including health and safety, security, clinical governance, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) guidelines, and data protection.
- With the Nursing Manager, implement and embed a culture of prevention through education.
- Assist in the completion of clinical audits, e.g., audits of inpatient notes.

Infection Control

Infection prevention and control is an essential aspect of patient care. All post holders have a personal obligation to act to reduce hospital acquired infections. Post holders must be familiar with the hospital's Infection Control Policies, including those that apply to their duties such as the Dress Code Policy. Post holders must incorporate into their clinical activities up to date evidence that supports safe infection control practices and procedures, for example, the use of aseptic techniques and the safe disposal of sharps.

Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information

During your work, you will come into possession of confidential information concerning patients, their families, AURA Veterinary and its staff. This information should be treated confidentially and in accordance with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2016.

Data/Security

The post holder is responsible for ensuring he/she/they maintain the integrity and quality of both computerised and manual data.

This job description is intended as a basic guide to the scope of the duties and responsibilities. It will be subject to regular review and amendment as necessary.

Post Holder Signature:

Name:

Date:

Line Manager Signature:

Name:

Date:

Person Specification

Requirement	Essential	Desirable	Assessment
Qualifications and experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterinary Nurse accredited qualification • RCVS registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced veterinary nurse qualifications/certificate/diploma • Previous experience working in an ECC setting • Previous experience of working in a referral setting 	Application and interview
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wide knowledge base of all areas of veterinary nursing • Knowledge of RCVS VN Code of Conduct 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of specifically working with oncological and soft tissue patients • Knowledge of advanced high level nursing care • Knowledge of nursing critical care patients • Knowledge of advanced anaesthesia monitoring 	Interview
Personal skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to work as a team player • Excellent interpersonal and verbal communication skills • Ability to work on own initiative • Good organisational and time management skills 	Ability to work under pressure	Application and interview
Clinical skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competent in all basic nursing skills • A willingness to develop clinical nursing skills and knowledge to an advanced level • Ability to communication effectively with clients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competent in monitoring critical care patients • Competent in client communication • Competent in advanced nursing skills 	Interview
Personal Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compassionate and caring • Enthusiastic and motivated • Determined • Flexibility • Smart and well presented • Proactive in learning and progressing career 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confident 	Interview
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right to work in the United Kingdom • Prepared to do shift work including weekends, bank holidays, night duties and on call on a rotational basis • Have access to transport to commute to the practice 		Interview