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What is a Veterinary Nurse?

The Veterinary Nurses within the practice have many roles, most of which people do not get the chance to see! To be a fully qualified Veterinary Nurse we undertake a college based course and extensive portfolio of assessments as well as completing a number of exams. We are also registered with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons to ensure we carry out our responsibilities to the best of our ability. This also means that we must attend professional development to prove we are able to correctly carry out our job.

Some of our responsibilities within practice include:

- Caring for the in-patients including putting animals on and maintaining drip lines, giving medications as directed by the veterinary surgeon, monitoring for signs of pain and discomfort, ensuring the animal is comfortable with regard to bedding and walks where possible as well as regularly liaising with the veterinary surgeon to ensure the best care is given.
- Admitting and discharging all surgical procedures, pricing the operations and calling owners as soon as possible once the animal is awake.
- Monitoring all anaesthetics from start to finish while the veterinary surgeon is operating, from the initial induction until the animal is awake.
- We run a selection of nursing clinics from puppy and kitten clinics right through to senior clinics as well as post operative checks, claw clipping, dental checks, dressings and much more!
- We provide a phone service for advice. Leave us a message and contact number and we will get back to you as soon as possible with all the help we can.
- We provide an emergency triage service – if the veterinary surgeon is busy with another case and unable to see your pet immediately, we can provide emergency first aid until the veterinary surgeon can take over.
- And there is a lot of cleaning involved to make sure the practice is spotless and the safest, cleanest place possible for your pet's procedure!

**If you need any other information or wish to discuss any of the issues here further, please contact one of the nursing team at the Vale Veterinary Group Ltd, Kidderminster
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