

TASKS AND DUTIES

Veterinary nurses may do some or all of the following:

- clean the cages and surgery areas, and carry out general cleaning duties at a veterinary clinic
- carry out administrative and receptionist duties at a clinic and give advice to clients over the phone
- liaise with clients
- order stock and help to look after the retail sales side of the practice
- feed and exercise animals
- perform diagnostic tests and keep records
- perform duties on behalf of veterinarians, such as taking and developing x-rays, collecting blood samples, and testing animals for pregnancy
- care for sick and injured animals, and look after them before and after an operation
- clean, sterilise and prepare surgical instruments and other equipment used during operations
- assist during surgical operations including monitoring the anaesthetic
- administer medication and injections
- accompany and assist veterinarians on call-outs to locations such as houses and farms
- run or help to run support services including animal weight loss clinics and dog training classes.