



THE IRISH BLUE CROSS

A N I M A L W E L F A R E C H A R I T Y

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Veterinary Nurse for 9 months

Based: The Irish Blue Cross, 15A Goldenbridge Industrial Estate, Inchicore, Dublin 8

Responsible to: Head of Veterinary Services

Job Summary:

The Irish Blue Cross is currently recruiting a veterinary nurse 9 months for 11.5 hours per week. The successful candidate will be based at our Inchicore clinic. The person will be hard working, diligent and conscientious and he/she will have excellent organisational skills.

Key Duties & Responsibilities:

Clinical duties:

- General nursing duties including microchipping, dentals, wound care, maintaining a clean and tidy working environment
- Surgical nurse duties – admitting patients, pre anaesthetic checks, taking pre anaesthetic bloods, placing cannulas, calculating and administering pre anaesthetic medicines, anaesthesia monitoring and monitoring patients in recovery
- In-patient care including patient monitoring, fluid set up and calculation and drug administration
- Adhering to stock control procedures and carrying out stock takes
- Maintain excellent patient records that are compliant with data protection rules and provide excellent hand-overs of cases to veterinary co-workers
- Maintain excellent hygiene and cleanliness standards throughout all clinics
- Ensuring excellent inpatient care is provided
- Ensure all our patients are in a clean comfortable environment in an effort to make their stay as stress free as possible
- Providing excellent customer care through superior client communication in a courteous and professional manner and through close working relationships with reception, nurse and veterinary staff
- Dealing with and triaging emergency walk ins as required during the day
- Promoting and implementing the charities policies in all aspects of work
- Assist with evening time and Saturday lock- up of the premises as required in keeping with our two person lock up policy
- Ensuring good case records are maintained and that CDR forms are accurately filled out
- Assisting with a broad range of veterinary duties, as the need arises, in co-operation with the Head of Veterinary Services

Ongoing:

- Adhere at all times to the Veterinary Council of Ireland Code of Professional Conduct for Veterinary Nurses.

- Adhere to The Irish Blue Cross protocols and policies with regards to health and safety, hygiene, reporting of incidents, security etc.
- Be vigilant with regards to premises hygiene and assist staff in cleaning up any spillages or animal fluids in a timely fashion
- Assist with client payments should the need arise
- Assist all other staff members in their roles should the need arise
- Ensure all internal and external dealings of the team are carried out professionally and courteously
- Notify all staff of any infectious or contagious disease on the premises (e.g. parvo virus)
- Ensure no cash or medical supplies are left unattended in reception or any area of the premises not under lock and key
- Report any broken or damaged equipment to management
- Report any day to day problems that may arise personal or otherwise to management
- Participate in training veterinary and other such as health and safety
- Assist the Manager, Head of Veterinary Services and other staff and volunteers to achieve the overall aims of the organization
- Due to Covid-19 cleaning clinical areas and keeping your general office and canteen facilities clean is of high priority to us all. As part of the team you will be required to carry out such duties as part of your role.

Essential Qualities and Competencies:

- RVN qualification
- Professional and ethical
- Good communication skills both oral and written - essential for dealing with clients and working as part of a team
- Ability to work well as part of a team and in sole charge
- Good time management skills with the ability to work to deadlines and to organise and prioritise workloads
- Ability to use initiative
- Ability to demonstrate attention to detail
- Good work ethic and willingness to learn
- Friendly manner and commitment to providing excellent customer service
- Ability to follow direction and comply with protocols of The Irish Blue Cross
- An ability to understand and promote the charities policies
- Flexibility to work extra hours
- Good record keeping skills

Desirable Criteria:

- Minimum 3 years relevant work experience
 - Experience working with a charity
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Contract terms and conditions:

11.5 hours per week : Monday 7.30am-8pm

There is scope for extra hours if desired.

Salary: Commensurate with experience, €17 per hour for candidates with 5 years' experience.

How to apply for this position

To apply please send your CV and cover letter in the strictest confidence to: una.otoole@bluecross.ie

The Irish Blue Cross is an equal opportunities employer.

This job description is intended to outline key duties and responsibilities for this position. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties, responsibilities and activities required.

About the organisation

The Irish Blue Cross is an animal care charity (Registered Charity No. 20007959), founded in Ireland in 1945, well known for the provision of pet care amongst the least well off pet owners in the Dublin region. Our teams deliver in the region of 27,000 veterinary treatments and procedures annually at our ten mobile veterinary clinics and the main Inchicore Clinic. Our vets ensure pets are restored to best health and receive the preventative care they require to prevent disease.

The Irish Blue Cross horse ambulance service operates at all Irish race meetings and at main equestrian events such as the RDS Horse Show, Ballindenisk and Tattersalls International Horse Trials each year. Our operatives work closely with veterinary officers to assist horses that become injured or require assistance during the course of racing or eventing.

The Irish Blue Cross operates its main office and small animal facilities at 15A Goldenbridge Industrial Estate, Inchicore, Dublin 8.