



JOB DESCRIPTION

ZOO VETERINARY NURSE



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JOB PURPOSE

To assist with the running of the Veterinary Services Department, through the provision of both veterinary nursing and administrative support. The role will encompass a broad range of areas including administration (primarily for the export of diagnostic samples to external laboratories), veterinary nursing within the Jersey Zoo animal collection, alongside work in the on-site laboratory. The role will also include working closely with various animal keepers in aspects of animal welfare, training and preventative medicine.

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DEPARTMENT
Veterinary Services

REPORTS TO
Veterinary Support Manager

CONTRACT
Permanent, Full Time

LOCATION
Jersey



KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- To work with the members of the Veterinary Department to provide veterinary service provision within the Trust's financial resources;
- To deliver high-quality veterinary nursing in a range of disciplines including anaesthesia, surgery, medicine, diagnostic imaging and post-mortem examination;
- To prepare for and assist with veterinary procedures;
- To maintain cleanliness, biosecurity and daily upkeep of the zoo's onsite veterinary hospital and laboratory;
- To perform a range of laboratory diagnostic testing including haematology, biochemistry, parasitology and microbiology;
- To work with department colleagues and ensure compliance with all relevant local and international regulations, (including CITES), pertaining to animal disease and the export of diagnostic samples to external laboratories;
- The input and maintenance of veterinary records on the centralised database, ZIMS for Medical;
- To assist the Veterinary Support Manager in replenishing stock and maintaining equipment throughout the Veterinary Services Department;
- Be a member of the dart gun team for the purpose of remote anaesthesia and animal escapes/ emergency procedures;
- In addition to these functions, carry out such other duties as may reasonably be required for the effective and efficient performance of the department and Durrell as a whole.



KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND ABILITY

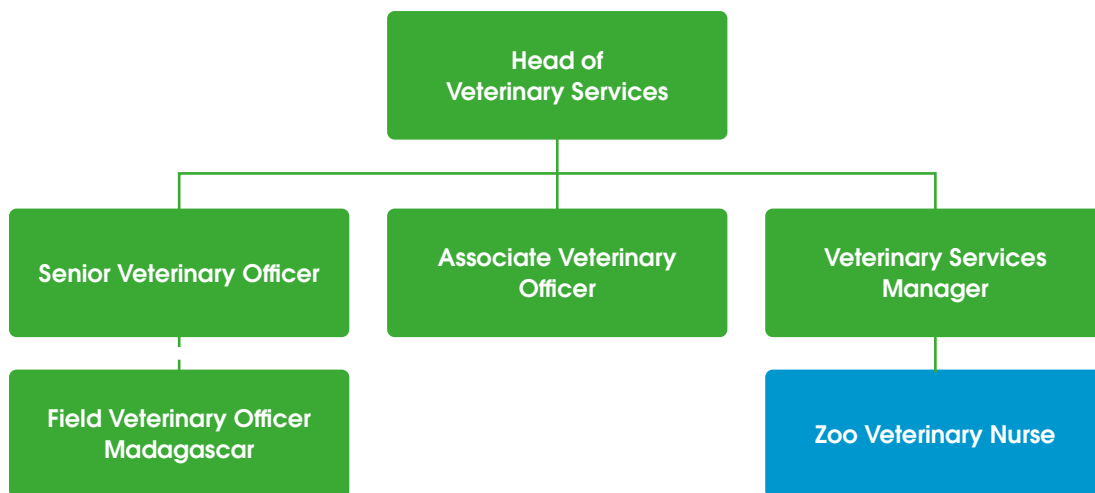
- Current professional registration with the RCVS as a Registered Veterinary Nurse (RVN)
- Experience in veterinary nursing of non-domestic species is desirable, although full training will be given;
- Good IT Skills, including working knowledge of Microsoft Office, standard software packages and ability to learn sector-specific data management software (e.g. ZIMS);
- The post holder must be able to work in a multi-disciplinary environment;
- Excellent organisational skills; with the ability to maintain accuracy and attention to detail, both solo and as part of a team;
- Ability to work methodically and on own initiative;
- Good communication and time management skills.



BEHAVIOURS AND VALUES

- Positive outlook and 'can do' attitude is vital;
 - Team spirited and inclusive, supportive approach;
 - Builds positive internal and external relationships due to interdepartmental nature of the position;
 - Willingness to work with others with the best interests of the organisation at heart;
 - Sets and promotes a positive and encouraging example;
 - Demonstrates initiative and accountability in problem solving;
 - Ability to remain calm under pressure and support others;
 - Maintains a professional, polite, positive, and respectful level of communication with colleagues.
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TEAM ORGANOGRAM



INTRODUCTION TO DURRELL

Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust is an international charity working to save species from extinction. Headquartered in Jersey in the Channel Islands, Durrell focuses on the most threatened species in the most threatened places.

Established by author and conservationist, Gerald Durrell, in 1959, Durrell delivers its conservation mission through our three integrated core areas of operation:



**A centre of excellence
in animal husbandry,
research, training and
education**



**Training future
conservation practitioners
and monitoring and
evaluating conservation
science which underpins
all Durrell activities**



**Conservation action
where it is needed most**

With a track record of 60 years, Durrell leads some of the world's longest running and most successful species and habitat recovery programmes. The quality of our work is equally as important as how we deliver it. Our values, underpin how we approach our work and the work environment we create.

OUR VALUES

PURPOSEFUL

We are clear on why we do what we do, are connected as an organisation, we understand and demonstrate enabling / delivery, we are passionate about what we do and work tirelessly to achieve it.

ACCOUNTABLE

We are accountable for our actions; we act with integrity and always have the best interests of the Trust at heart. We take it upon ourselves to update our knowledge and deliver excellence, and our ethics are of the utmost importance.

SUPPORTIVE

We develop and encourage our staff, we work as a team, work well with other departments and trust and respect each other. We promote a learning culture, treat people fairly, encourage diversity in the workplace, and value the opinions and views of others.

