

# Animal Care Assistant (51.2601)

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Measurable Learner Objective and Task Statement	Knowledge (Content)	Performance (Goals)	National Standards
<b>A. Describe the Field of Veterinary Medicine</b>	CA 6, HP 2, HP 5	2.6, 3.2, 3.6, 4.4, 4.8	4.12, 4.13, 4.14, 4.17, 4.18, 4.19, 4.31, 4.32, 4.33, 4.41, 4.42, 5.11, 5.13, 5.14, 5.15, 5.16, 5.17, 5.18, 5.23, 5.24, 5.28, 6.12, 6.14, 6.15, 6.21, 6.22
1. Identify the roles and responsibilities of veterinary team members			
2. Maintain professional work habits			
3. Apply ethical and legal principles to the veterinary field			
4. Maintain confidentiality			
5. Recognize local, state, and federal regulations that affect veterinary practice			
<b>B. Communicate effectively with clients, co-workers, and the public</b>	CA 1, CA 4	2.2, 2.3, 2.6	2.11, 2.12, 2.13, 2.14, 2.15, 2.21, 2.26, 4.16, 4.17
1. Communicate effectively with animal owners (clients) and coworkers			
2. Greet clients appropriately			
3. Use correct terminology and grammar when communicating with clients and co workers			
4. Treat clients and coworkers with respect and courtesy			
5. Use telephone properly, including answering, transferring calls, placing on hold, etc			
6. Take accurate telephone messages			
<b>C. Perform Basic Office Procedures</b>	CA 4	1.8, 4.7	2.21, 2.22, 2.23, 2.26, 2.27, 5.14, 5.21, 7.13, 7.34
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2. Complete identification band and cage card			
3. Maintain animal identification			
4. Assist with daily progress notes			
5. Assist with admitting animals into the clinic			
6. Assist with discharging animals from the clinic			
7. Clean, dust, restock, and straighten supplies			
8. Assist with inventory control			
<b>D. Classify animals accurately</b>	SC 3	1.10	
1. Identify common breeds of animals treated			
2. Utilize species terminology appropriately			
<b>E. Practice safety in the clinical setting</b>	HP 3	1.10, 4.7	1.21, 4.12, 5.21, 7.11, 7.12, 7.13, 7.21, 7.41, 7.42, 7.43, 7.46
1. Identify types of hazardous materials			
2. Prepare hazardous materials for disposal			
3. Identify biohazard label			
4. Identify OSHA requirements pertinent to the veterinary practice			
5. Locate and use material safety data sheets (MSDS)			
6. Maintain a safe environment for animals and workers			
7. Prevent disease transmission			
8. Maintain personal hygiene			

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9. Follow clinic procedures for cleaning			
10. Handle antiseptics and disinfectants safely			
11. Clean and routinely check for cleanliness of exam room			
12. Clean and routinely check for cleanliness of surgical and treatment areas			
13. Clean, disinfect, and routinely check for cleanliness of floors and corridors			
14. Clean and routinely check for cleanliness of outdoor exercise areas and the parking lot			
15. Remove hair/debris from drain grate in bathtubs and routinely check bathtubs for cleanliness			
16. Identify common zoonotic diseases			
17. Identify modes of transmission of zoonotic diseases			
18. Identify steps in preventing zoonotic diseases			
19. Identify diseases that require isolation or quarantine			
20. Implement isolation procedures			
21. Identify principles that influence animal behavior			
22. Recognize common warning signs of aggression			
23. Identify procedures for safely approaching animals			
<b>F. Provide Care to Animals</b>	HP 3, MA 1	2.6, 3.6, 3.7, 4.7	2.21, 2.25, 5.21, 7.13, 7.45
1. Assist in restraining animals as directed			
2. Securely support the animal's body weight when lifting			
3. Identify potential routes of escape and take precautions			
4. Examine restraint devices for security			

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5. Follow clinic procedures for walking and exercising animals			
6. Properly lift animals			
7. Walk and exercise animals			
8. Recognize and report changes in conditions			
9. Observe and report abnormal conditions			
10. Recognize worms (internal parasites) in stool			
11. Recognize the presence of external parasites			
12. Report observed parasites			
13. Clean and disinfect dog and cat compartments			
14. Clean and disinfect bird cages			
15. Clean and disinfect rodent and rabbit cages			
16. Clean and disinfect equine and food animal stalls			
17. Clean and disinfect feed and water containers			
18. Measure and deliver food as directed			
19. Monitor and replenish water supply			
20. Record appetites			
21. Recognize and follow NPO orders			
22. Weigh animals on a platform scale			
23. Weigh animals on a balance scale			
24. Weigh animals on an infant scale			

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25. Weigh large animals using a weight measurement tape			
26. Weigh animals on a portable scale			
27. Record weight			
28. Prepare animal for bathing and dipping			
29. Bathe animal using prescribed shampoo or medication			
30. Identify and implement appropriate drying techniques			
31. Clean and disinfect tub			
32. Follow safety precautions when using dips			
33. Apply dips as directed			
34. Recognize side effects of insecticide reaction			
<b>G. Collect, label, and handle specimens appropriately</b>	N/A	4.7	5.21, 7.13
1. Maintain and clean equipment and instruments			
2. Collect a fecal specimen			
3. Collect a voided urine specimen			
4. Label and store all types of specimen containers			
5. Bag and label animal according to instructions			
6. Store bagged animals appropriately			

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