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Lexington Equine Surgery Center is seeking an experienced Recovery Assistant. This position is responsible for assisting with the safe recovery of horses from anesthesia after surgery as well as the daily care, cleanliness, and safety of hospitalized patients and the hospital's barn and grounds.

The Recovery Assistant works closely with the medical team to assist with patient induction and recovery from anesthesia, and restraint while maintaining a clean, safe, and organized clinical environment. This role requires close attention to patient behavior, a strong work ethic, and the ability to work confidently and safely around large animals in both indoor and outdoor conditions.

Qualifications

- Minimum of 1 year of veterinary clinical experience
- Minimum of 2 years of professional equine handling experience
- Experience in a training barn or similar professional equine setting is strongly preferred
- Ability to recognize changes in equine behavior, attitude, appetite, and comfort
- Demonstrated ability to handle and restrain horses safely and confidently
- Dependable, attentive, and able to work effectively as part of a medical team

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Safely handle and restrain patients for veterinary procedures
- Assist with the safe recovery of recumbent patients following anesthesia, including closely monitoring the patient, following medical staff instructions, and providing appropriate physical support as the patient attempts to stand and regain balance.
- Monitor hospitalized patients and promptly report changes in attitude, appetite, behavior, or comfort level
- Clean and disinfect stalls between patients
- Maintain barn and hospital cleanliness through sweeping, disinfecting, cobweb removal, and other routine duties
- Help ensure stalls, patient areas, and equipment remain sanitary, organized, and ready for use
- Follow all hospital safety, infection-control, and patient-handling protocols

Working Conditions

This position typically works four days per week from approximately 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Hours may vary based on patient caseload and emergencies. Work is performed in a clinical veterinary environment and may involve exposure to biological materials, anesthetic gases, large animals, and changing indoor and outdoor weather conditions.

Physical Requirements

- Stand and walk for extended periods
- Frequently lift and move heavy materials
- Perform repetitive physical tasks with limited rest periods
- Safely handle and physically restrain large animals
- Work comfortably in varying indoor and outdoor conditions

Compensation and Benefits

This is an hourly position, with pay based on experience. Comprehensive benefits, including health insurance and a 401(k), are available to eligible full-time employees.

To apply, please send your résumé to Robin Sauer at RSauer@LexingtonEquineSurgery.com