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Animal Care Assignment

1. Animal care is an essential part of veterinary medicine.
It is an assigned job that is a key part of the overall learning experience.
2. The schedule of dates for animal care rotation will be posted by the second week of each semester.
3. The responsibility for the work done on any date belongs to the individual scheduled for that date.
4. Class starts at 8:00 a.m., so you should plan to get here between 7:30 a.m.
5. Lab-time is NOT to be used for this assignment.

General Duties

1. Take leashed dogs out for a walk
2. Give non-surgical cases fresh food and water
3. Clean cages/dog runs
 - a. Attend to all five sides, front & back of door and closure; put new cards in cage card holders
 - b. Allow cage to dry (or wipe it dry) before re-papering
 - c. Use scrub brush, soap and disinfectant on dog runs
 - d. Clean drain at back of dog runs
4. Change or give litter pans for cats
5. Clean counters
 - a. Put everything away
 - b. Wash feed bowls, spoons, etc.
 - c. Do NOT just wipe around things, clean under as well
6. Clean walls & on top of cages
7. Sweep and mop floors
8. Hose down kennel weekly
9. Laundry
 - a. Wash dry and fold laundry as needed
 - b. Clean lint trap prior to each load
 - c. Hand-wash fleece pads and hang dry
 - d. Wash surgical drapes, gowns etc. separately to minimize lint
 - e. Fold surgical items appropriately and prepare packs for autoclaving
10. Administer treatments as required and note pertinent observations on patient record.
 - a. check and update Patient Log regarding discharged patients

Avian/Rodent Animals in Residence

1. Fresh bedding as needed; minimum 1x weekly
2. Clean cages as needed; minimum 1x weekly
3. Fresh food and water
 - a. Make sure water bottles are functioning properly
4. Clean counters and walls around cages
5. Clean floor under cages
6. Log dates

Chickens/Goats in Residence

- 1. Fresh bedding as needed; minimum 1x weekly
- 2. Clean cages as needed; minimum 1x weekly
- 3. Fresh food and water
- a. Make sure water bottles are functioning properly
- 4. Log dates

Miscellaneous

- 1. Refill wild bird feeder/hummingbird/suet feeder as needed—check DAILY
- 2. Water flowers in pot as needed—check DAILY
- 3. Sweep walkway
- 4. Rake leaves as needed
- 5. Set trash bag out for pick up as needed

Other Duties:

Included in this assignment are the following tasks to be performed in addition to those general tasks listed above. The student should keep in mind that excellent medical care cannot be delivered until or unless the facility is clean, organized and well stocked so that individual initiative is required because it is impossible to list every last thing that will need to be done in any given week. If you have questions, ask or e-mail Bonnie or Dr. Haskell. Please do not rearrange the location of items.

- 1. Replace solutions weekly or more often if needed:
 - a. Bard Parker tray, spray bottles, instrument milk, etc.
- 2. Clean room 810 (including surgical suite counters, floors, lamps, etc.)
- 3. Clean and lubricate clippers (both sets)
- 4. Check and update log books
- 5. Clean all sinks in the facility
- 6. Prepare surgical packs and autoclave them
 - a. **DO NOT LEAVE AUTOCLAVE UNATTENDED**
- 7. Post accounts and/or file as needed
- 8. Sweep and mop floors
- 9. E-mail notification if you notice we are getting low on a particular supply

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Instructor Signature: _____ Date: _____