

Position Title	Veterinary Officer
Classification	Level 7
School/Division	Office of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)
Centre/Section	Animal Care Services
Supervisor Title	Senior Veterinary Officer
Supervisor Position Number	FSR 308700
Position Number	FSR 310908, 318820

Your work area

Animal Care Services is responsible for ensuring that all laboratory animals used in research and teaching at the University are housed and cared for to standards of best practice and in compliance with all legal and statutory requirements. Animal Care Services supports teaching, biological and biomedical research projects in a range of contained housing environments and research facilities for laboratory animals, large animals and selected native species.

Reporting structure

Reports to: Senior Veterinary Officer

Your role

As the appointee you will, provide advice and assist to manage the veterinary care of animals within UWA Animal Care Services and Facilities and to the UWA research and teaching community. You will provide leadership and veterinary accountability of research and teaching activities involving animals at UWA, consistent with the WA Animal Welfare Act 2002, to the Australian Code for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific purposes 2013 and to Australian Biosecurity provisions. You will have responsibility to the DVCR to develop and promote best practice veterinary care for laboratory animals and influence research decision making.

Your key responsibilities

Provide veterinary guidance and advice for the Senior Veterinary Officer on all animals housed for research and teaching purposes with particular emphasis on laboratory-based research applications and techniques

Diagnose and prescribe treatment for conditions of animals held within the Animal Care Services facilities including the supervision and administration of restricted drugs

Contribute to the development of competency training for ACS staff and researchers. Advise the Senior Veterinary Officer in relevant aspects of the health, care, wellbeing and welfare of animals used for teaching and research

Conduct procedures requiring the anaesthesia and recovery of animals used for research and teaching

Participate in quality control processes

Other duties as directed

Your specific work capabilities (selection criteria)

Tertiary qualification in Veterinary Science suitable for registration in Western Australia

Considerable relevant clinical experience at an appropriate level

Excellent written and verbal communication skills

Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to liaise and interact with all Animal Care Services stakeholders

Excellent organisational skills and demonstrated ability to set priorities and to meet deadlines

Proficiency in a range of computing skills including word processing, spreadsheets, databases, internet and email

Capacity to develop strong working relationships with Animal Care Services staff and researchers

Demonstrated written and oral skills and ability to assist and train others

Experience working with animals in a research environment is desirable

Special requirements (selection criteria)

Current "C" class driver's licence

Current National Police Clearance Certificate

Able to fit the physical requirements of the position

Able to work after-hours, weekend rosters and rostered start times, including providing emergency veterinary and/or advice outside normal working hours when required under the general direction of the Senior Veterinary Officer

Vaccinations as required

Proof of current full COVID-19 Vaccination

Compliance

Ensure you are aware of and comply with legislation and University policy relevant to the duties undertaken, including:

The University's Code of Conduct hr.uwa.edu.au/policies/policies/conduct/code/conduct

Inclusion and Diversity web.uwa.edu.au/inclusion-diversity

Safety, health and wellbeing safety.uwa.edu.au/