

Kalyssa Merritt

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EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Associates degree, Veterinary Technician – Kirkwood Community College

2022-2025

High School Diploma – Prairie (College Community School District)

2018-2022

EXPERIENCE

Veterinary technician Intern | Peterson Pet Hospital | Hiawatha, IA

Summer 2024

- Client communications, such as consults and education
- Small animal restraint during several needed treatments
- Knowledge of several medications, and properly filling prescriptions
- Obtaining history prior to appointments and properly taking notes for the doctor during appointments. Such as client instructions, SOAP, and what is discussed between doctor and client.
- Administering medications: topical, Interveinal, Intramuscular, Oral, Subcutaneous
- Monitoring anesthesia: Heart rate, Blood pressure, Respiratory rate, Temperature, EKG, SpO2, EcO2
- Performing certain treatments; blood draws, vaccines, nail trims, anal gland expression, ECG, Laser therapy, radiographs, etc.
- Performing diagnostic tests; FIV, FeLV Snap test, Heartworm Snap test, Total protein, Packed cell volume, Complete blood count, Ear cytology, Fecals
- Perform dental cleaning for canine and feline; cracking tartar off, dental radiographs, dental scaling and polishing, oral laser therapy.
- Paper and Electronic charting; for surgeries, dentals, exams

Veterinary Assistant | Peterson Pet Hospital | Hiawatha, IA

October 2023 - Present

- Checking in and out exam appointments
- Client communications; education of medication, relaying information or questions answered by a technician or doctor.
- Cleaning and stocking all areas of clinic; exam rooms, treatment and lab area, pharmacy hall, radiograph and ultrasound room, surgery suite, dental suite, ICU
- Taking notes for doctors during exams; SOAP, client instructions, topics discussed between client and doctor during exam
- Small animal restraint during treatments
- Obtaining history of patient prior to appointment
- Scheduling appointments
- Packaging fecal samples and blood work for send out testing

Kennel/Daycare Assistant | Eastern Iowa Pet Resort | Cedar Rapids, IA

November 2023 – Present

- Providing clean and disinfected kennels
- Providing care to boarding dogs; letting them out, feeding and keeping water supplied, and administering medications, sending report cards to owners
- Point of sale; answering phone calls, scheduling reservations, sales
- Supervising dogs during daycare times

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Animal Dental hygienist

Laboratory

Anesthesiology

Small animal restraint

Usage of Avimark

Medication administration

Client communication

Charting

Pharmacology

Animal training and behavior

Clinical Pathology

Cleaning properly