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VETERINARY NURSE APPRENTICE



WHICH APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Veterinary nursing.

WHAT LEVEL IS YOUR APPRENTICESHIP?

Advanced (level 3).

WHAT DO YOU DO?

As a hospital assistant at the RSPCA, I work alongside the vet and nurse teams to provide quality nursing to mistreated and neglected animals admitted into our care. Our daily tasks vary from assisting with triage and admission, nursing patients in wards, feeding, cleaning, and medicating, to ensuring surgeries run smoothly and interacting with the inspectorate who bring the animals into our care. We provide 24-hour care for our patients, so our shifts include days, evenings, and night shifts. Although some of the cases we see are distressing and sometimes difficult to witness, our job is to give these animals a second chance at life, which is incredibly rewarding.



WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

The most rewarding aspect of my job is witnessing the transformation of animals under our care, particularly those that have come from terrible circumstances and have gone on to thrive. There was Zeus, a bully breed dog was brought in severely underweight and unable to stand. Although he was initially timid, he gradually became more outgoing and flourished into an affectionate and playful dog. He has since been transferred to find his forever home.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST APPRENTICESHIP MOMENT?

Having been out of education for six years, I was apprehensive about studying and how I would manage. However, starting the apprenticeship was a significant step for me. I was proud to achieve a score of 75% in my first mock assignment.

WHICH FEMALE INSPIRES YOU AND WHY?

The women I work with have been a great source of inspiration for me to pursue my dream of becoming an excellent nurse. Since I started my studies, I have developed a newfound respect for the work they do. This has motivated me to work hard and qualify as a nurse myself.

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DISCOURAGED WE SHOULD TAKE IT AS AN
OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND GROW.**
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