

On Point Veterinary Services PLLC

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VOCATIONAL MISSION: We all deserve a vacation and my goal is to help you take one. I have been a dedicated relief veterinarian since 2017, and am fully licensed in Montana and Alaska. I also look for opportunities to help the veterinary field by providing project management, product development, client education and written communications on a freelance basis. I am happy to provide references upon request.

MEDICAL STANDARDS OF CARE

- ❖ I provide my locum hospitals with the highest care and client communication possible. You will return to your hospital to find all notes completed and any challenging cases shared with you.
- ❖ I practice evidence based medicine and endeavor to comply with all state and national laws pertaining to veterinary medicine.
- ❖ I am happy to take after hours call when a veterinary assistant is available to accompany me.
- ❖ I place IV catheters and monitor blood pressure (if available) in all of my general anesthesia patients to help support safe and predictable anesthesia. I travel with my own supply of IV catheters if this is not a standard at your practice.
- ❖ I am happy to perform routine surgeries and dentals in your absence and travel with my own size surgical gloves to help meet this need.
- ❖ I believe that death with dignity and grace is a fundamental right of our patients. To help provide the gentlest passing possible I always lightly sedate and place an IV catheter prior to euthanasia.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Associate Veterinarian

Cottonwood Veterinary Hospital

Bozeman, MT

06/2015-7/2017

- Full time associate of a busy, 2 doctor, small animal practice.
- Primarily treated canine/feline patients, but also treated small furry pets such as rabbits, guinea pigs and rats regularly. At least one day per week spent practicing as a solo practitioner as well as for long vacation stints.
- Responsible for all aspects of patient care from wellness care, hospitalization, surgical needs, ER transfer, as well as client communication and follow-up.
- On call for client consultations.
- Regularly performed routine surgical procedures (ovariohysterectomies, neuters, declaws, cystotomies, enucleations, mass removals) as well as advanced dental procedures such as surgical flaps while utilizing digital dental radiology. High level of confidence in regards to routine dental care and extractions in canines and felines.
- Capable of handling a wide range of advanced medical and emergency cases and procedures, while working them into an already full schedule.
- Routinely worked with a board certified radiologist to arrange for ultrasound of cases as well as referral of cases for advanced imaging such as CT or MRI.

Associate Veterinarian

Best Friends Animal Hospital and Urgent Care

Billings, MT

07/2012-06/2015

- Full time member of a 6 doctor, 24/7 general and emergency care, AAHA accredited practice.
- Practiced high quality, evidence based medicine in a busy practice setting.
- Responsible for all aspects of patient care from intake to 24 hr hospitalization or surgical needs as well as client communication and follow-up.
- On call for emergencies weekly and some holidays.
- Regularly performed routine procedures (ovariohysterectomies, neuters, declaws, cystotomies, mass removals) as well as advanced dental procedures such as surgical flaps while utilizing digital dental radiology.
- Handled a wide range of advanced medical and emergency cases and procedures, such as feline urethral obstructions, enucleations, snake envenomations, parvovirus cases, degloving injuries, thoracocentesis/abdominocentesis, bladder contrast studies, and fracture stabilization.
- Routinely utilized a LG Logiq ultrasound for abdominal scans, emergency scans, urolith/bladder tumor evaluation and pregnancy exams.
- In charge of arranging bi-monthly doctor meetings with educational updates.
- Developed a relationship with a local MRI company to arrange for advanced imaging as needed.

Team Lead of Medical Support

(Former positions: QA Medical Professional Specialist, Team Lead of Quality Assurance)

Banfield Pet Hospital

04/2003-11/2007

- Promoted several times.
- Researched and tested new medical equipment such as multi-parameter anesthesia monitoring units, ultrasounds, centrifuges and patient warming devices.
- Created and oversaw several project management groups in regards to trialing or introducing new hospital equipment. Project teams used formal project management process (such as ROI development, scope and charter documents and milestone tracking). Worked with the Education department to develop hospital team education for all new equipment.
- Team lead for planning and hosting doctor continuing education wet labs. Classes accommodated over 300 veterinarians. Arranged for all supplies, room layout, security, set up and tear down of event. Ensured presence of safety supplies and MSDS sheets for all labs.
- Supervised eight team members. Team was primarily responsible for conducting medical peer reviews on cases within Banfield hospitals nationwide and assisting doctors undergoing State Board investigation.
- Created numerous educational, veterinary, client and team handouts for use in Banfield hospitals nationwide.

VETERINARY RELATED SKILLS

- Committed to producing clear, thorough, SOAP notes for all medical cases and client communications I am part of.
- Strong interest in advanced medical cases and managing chronic medical concerns. Special interest and prowess for handling diabetic ketoacidosis cases.
- Strong interest in proper analgesia and am very proficient in devising constant rate infusions and managing pain.

- Very familiar with incorporating therapeutic laser treatment (LiteCure and K-Laser) into both acute and chronic treatment regiments.
- Comfortable with all forms of animal restraint both physical and chemical.
- Advanced training in small animal dentistry. Comfortable performing surgical extractions with closure. Experience with dental digital radiology.
- Extremely proficient in client communication and education. Years of professional experience devising client education handouts. Comfortable speaking to clients in various states of emotion as well as guiding them through difficult discussions regarding finances and end of life decisions.
- Comfortable speaking to the media and to large groups.
- Comfortable with digital radiology and image manipulation, bloodwork machines, fluid pumps and CRI sets.
- Experienced with veterinary diagnostic equipment, snap tests and anesthesia equipment and monitoring.
- Certified veterinary technician for several years prior to veterinary school. Very competent in basic technical skills such as venipuncture, IV catheter insertion, cystocentesis, client education and other procedures expected of a CVT. Comfortable training and supervising new technicians.
- Strong interest in caring for small exotic mammals such as guinea pigs, rabbits, etc. Attended a 2 week medical course focusing on exotic care in April 2012 at Colorado State University.

VETERINARY LICENSES, MEMBERSHIPS, ETC.

- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Oregon State University, 2012
- Bachelors of Science (Biology), Minors in English, Chemistry and Environmental Studies. Linfield College 2002
- Category II APHIS Accredited Veterinarian
- AVMA member
- Member of the Montana and Alaska Veterinary Medical Associations
- DVM license in Montana and Alaska
- Temporary North Dakota DVM license
- Member of the AK PDMP
- Licensed with the DEA
- AVMA PLIT member
- Travel with my own dosimetry badge

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Western Veterinary Conference 2019: Wet lab: Intra articular Treatment of Osteoarthritis in the Canine Patient.
- VMX 2018: Wet Lab: Dental Digital Radiography (Laboratory)
- 2016 ACVIM Conference
- 2014 SW Veterinary Conference: Wet Lab: Practical emergency procedures and techniques

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Familiar with AVImark Software and ClieTrax. Quickly adapt to different computer programs.
- Comfortable with Excel, PowerPoint and Word programs.
- Utilize social media, and look for opportunities/cases to promote clinics on these platforms.