



VET NURSE – 6 MONTHS PART TIME

PURPOSE

Ensure koalas receive an exceptional standard of triage and treatment whilst under our care leading to improved rates of release to the wild.

RESPONSIBILITIES & KEY DUTIES

- Coordinate and carry out triage of rescued koalas when brought into care.
- Demonstrate and undertake safe capture and restraint techniques of koalas.
- Assist during examinations and clinical/surgical procedures under advice or supervision of vet.
- Undertake laboratory diagnostic procedures, including sample collection and storage.
- Calculate, prepare and administer medications, including anaesthetics, under veterinary instruction.
- Maintain veterinary medical and surgical equipment; keep associated maintenance records - reporting on issues as required.
- Undertake associated administrative duties including recording and maintaining clinical treatment files and laboratory diagnostic test results.
- Demonstrate strong commitment to koala clinical nursing education both personally and for our volunteers.
- Liaise with carers and members of the public in regard to the koalas in our care.
- Undertake media duties when necessary.

This is a part time position working 25 hours per week Monday to Friday plus is on call if a koala is brought into care outside normal working hours. It is for 6 months but could be extended subject to funding.

Pay rate and conditions are under the Animal Care and Veterinary Services Award 2010 at the B.2.5 Level 4 classification.

Selection Criteria

Essential

1. Minimum qualification of Certificate 4 of Veterinary Nursing or equivalent recognised qualification and significant post qualification experience working with Koalas.
2. Demonstrated understanding, knowledge and practical clinical nursing skills in regard to koalas and their behaviour.
3. Communicate in a friendly and effective manner with key contacts including the media, other staff, volunteers, external local community groups and associated veterinary contacts.
4. Knowledge and understanding of the key elements of the Code of Practice for Injured, sick and orphaned Koalas.
5. A professional approach to duties and standard of personal presentation.
6. Must hold a current driver's licence.

Desirable

1. Computer skills particularly with Microsoft Office programs.
2. Flexible, cooperative and positive attitude.
3. Excellent time management and organisational skills.

How to Apply

Your application should include your resume plus a cover letter stating how you meet the Selection Criteria. Please email your application to president@friendsofthekoala.org.