

## **Job Title: Veterinary Surgeon - The Mayhew Animal Home**



**Responsible to: Chief Veterinary Officer**

### **Charity Profile**

**The Mayhew Animal Home** was established in 1886 for the benefit of “the lost and starving dogs and cats of London so that they should have sanctuary from the cold inhumanity they are being dealt outside”. Today, The Mayhew is one of the busiest animal sanctuaries in London, rescuing thousands of animals from cruelty and neglect each year. We provide shelter and care for cats, dogs, rabbits and when the need arises, for a wide variety of other animals.

The Mayhew Animal Home strives to tackle the companion animal welfare crisis from every possible angle. The organisation is pro-active, innovative and continually works to assist animals and their carers.

We believe that animals, as living creatures, are entitled to legal, moral and ethical consideration, and have a value beyond economic measure.

We aim to set the standards in animal welfare. The Mayhew offers a wide variety of community services providing advice, care and assistance to animals and their carers whatever their circumstances.

The Mayhew Animal Home has a dedicated top quality theatre with all the usual equipment and digital x-ray facilities. Dedicated personnel include 3 full time nurses and two full time vets in addition to this position.

### **Principal responsibility**

To undertake clinical duties on behalf of The Mayhew in accordance with standards and ethics of the veterinary profession and with The Mayhew’s policies and procedures.

### **Duties**

- To diagnose and treat sick and injured animals either resident in The Home or eligible for treatment at The Home.
- To promote a good image of The Mayhew both by the maintenance of good clinical and personal standards and in any communication with colleagues and the general public.
- To assist in the training of nursing and other ancillary staff.
- To keep professional knowledge updated by taking part in CPD (supported and funded by The Mayhew).
- To comply with the RCVS Code of Professional Conduct
- To be involved in The Mayhew’s International Vet Training Programme by training overseas vets in addition to undergraduates.

### **Hours**

Normally 35 hours per week, Tuesday to Saturday. However, you may be required to work a reasonable amount of unpaid overtime and it is condition of your employment that you agree to this.

### **Holidays**

25 days per annum plus Bank Holidays (or time off in lieu if required to work Bank Holidays).

## Personal Specification

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Professional qualifications	Member of the Royal College Of Veterinary Surgeons	
Experience	Working in a busy, high pressure environment  Small animal practice experience	Charity or welfare work
Skills	Excellent and proven communication skills – written and oral English  Great time management  Ability to work well under pressure	
Personal qualities	Professional and caring approach  Conscientious  Trustworthy and reliable  Flexibility	