



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title:	Senior Veterinarian	Direct Reports:	0
Reporting to:	CEO, Cherished Pets	Effective:	
Location:	Ocean Grove, Victoria	0.6 FTE +	September 2020

Cherished Pets is a unique social enterprise that provides a signature bond-centred community veterinary service.

Every member of the team at Cherished Pets makes a difference to the lives of pet owners by supporting the human-animal bond through all life stages and includes working with vulnerable people and/or people in vulnerable times.

Our team members are a special bunch who share these attributes:

- A demonstrated interest in the human-animal bond and desire to support the Cherished Pets purpose and values
- A social inclusion and community focus
- Strong and patient communication and interpersonal skills
- The ability to work both independently and as part of a small and passionate team
- A flexible, friendly, compassionate, empathetic and non-judgemental nature
- The ability to work at all times in a professional manner to provide the best quality care and outcomes
- An appreciation of the sensitivities of the work of Cherished Pets and manage confidential information accordingly
- A willingness to contribute and be involved in Cherished Pets Foundation event and activities

Position Purpose:

The role of **Senior Veterinarian** is responsible for providing GP veterinary services to support both private and social service clients. You will become one of the faces of Cherished Pets, and your primary focus is to take our boutique private veterinary service to its next level as we expand our offering to the local community.

The role works in partnership with the CEO, veterinary team (vets and vet nurses), respite care coordinators and other Cherished Pets team members in accordance with agreed priorities and timelines.

We are in an exciting period of growth as a unique veterinary organization and are seeking a mature, confident, experienced veterinarian to support our development.

Key Responsibilities:

- As Senior Veterinarian you will be one of the key faces of our private boutique veterinary service through our community hub and clinic. We also offer a home service which you will contribute to.
- The role requires day to day supervision and coordination of practice activities including scheduling, allocation of resources, triage response to unexpected cases and time management.
- Provide veterinary consultations, clinical case management and surgical procedures
- Support coordination and management of our clinical and surgical programs
- Update and maintain client/patient records and case management system
- Discuss cases with other relevant Cherished Pets team members and seek second opinions where required
- Contribute to improvement of our policies and procedures for our veterinary services.
- Provide end of life and palliative care, quality of life assessments and home euthanasias at times.

Required Qualifications, Skills and Experience:

- Confident and competent qualified veterinarian registered in Victoria with 5+ years clinical, dentistry and general surgical experience
- Demonstrated team leadership experience
- You like people as well as pets and share our passion for our purpose
- You adopt a fear-free handling and veterinary style
- You want to be part of a growing movement practising veterinary social work through a social hearted business model
- You have sound clinical wisdom and good judgement around pets, people and case decisions.
- An interest in palliative and hospice care is a bonus
- Proven ability to communicate well across a diverse range of clients
- You are a clear, sharp, decisive and solutions orientated thinker
- We welcome a special interest in pet nutrition, wellness, holistic health, behaviour, training, canine rehab and pain management, and integrated medicine
- Able to use sound personal judgement in selecting methods, establishing priorities and arriving at conclusions
- Confident and clear in communications
- Excellent time management skills
- Comfortable, capable and clear with sole charge responsibilities
- Ability to manage efficiently the daily flow of veterinary appointments and procedures alongside the hub team.
- You are prepared to go the extra mile
- BONUS attributes: Have owned or managed a practice