

A day in the life of Ellyse Bacelic-Grgic

Hello I'm Ellyse, I'm the founder of Felix and Fido at Home Nursing Care. I have been a technician since 2008 and absolutely love what I do. I think one of my favourite parts about being a technician is doing the full nursing care and seeing your patients from start to finish. So 100% the best part of this job is seeing all the dedication and the hard work of everybody pull through and then those little guys go home -- I think that is my number one. That's one of the reasons I love working at Felix and Fido so much is because I get to provide that care and get to see the follow through right in the comfort of people's homes. So we're doing mobile medicine and mobile veterinary nursing care.

My typical day probably starts out by in the morning I'll go through my appointments and kind of sort my bookings and then my first appointment might be something like anal glands, nail trims, injections or checking on glucose or doing a blood glucose curve.

Scenario number two, I would probably follow up with any medical appointments that that pet just had. So maybe I'm going to do a medicated bath, applying creams or administering medications.

Scenario number three is working with telemedicine or virtual care so when a patient hasn't had a chance to go see their vet yet or their regular vet and they need to get something done but they just don't really know where to go so they contact somebody through virtual care telemedicine. I'll be at this pet owner's house and I will be to take some vitals and go over the physical exam to relay all this information to the DVM and then from there, the DVM can work out more of a diagnosis to be made and then they can offer me treatment plans or a treatment plan to be made. So I'll carry out those treatment plans right on the spot. So it's very similar to what happens at the veterinary hospital but we can kind of do full circle in the comfort of the pet's home.

So scenario four would probably be something like palliative care where we're looking at end of life and we're maybe doing some subcutaneous fluids, massage, range of motion and just like really keeping those pets a little bit more comfortable. So that's probably a typical day for me. There's some non-typical things that happen too as well of course, and there have been some times where I've had to direct people straight to the ER but that's not typical.

So in closing I guess I love being an RVT and there's nowhere else I would rather be.