

## Veterinary Assistant Level 1

Please evaluate the student by placing a “C”, “I”, or “N” next to the listed skill using the following key:

“C”- Competent: The student successfully mastered the skill and displayed the knowledge required that would be expected of an entry level employee.

“I” - Improvement Needed: The student needs more practice to successfully master the skill as would be expected of an entry level employee.

“N” - Not available to this site and/or student.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Finish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Unit 1

\_\_\_\_\_ Properly restrains animals when assisting the veterinarian with cephalic and saphenous venous sampling.

\_\_\_\_\_ Properly muzzles fractious animals.

\_\_\_\_\_ Handles and restrains animals so as to generally avoid bites to themselves and to the attending veterinarian.

\_\_\_\_\_ Recognizes and avoids potential safety hazards in the examination room or area.

\_\_\_\_\_ Properly cleans and sanitizes exam rooms

\_\_\_\_\_ Carefully observes patients and surroundings and reports observations to the attending veterinarian.

\_\_\_\_\_ Aids the veterinarian in handling and treatment of patients.

### Unit 2

\_\_\_\_\_ Uses proper procedure for lifting and positioning animals.

\_\_\_\_\_ Uses proper procedure for placing animals in a cage.

### Unit 3

\_\_\_\_\_ Follows OSHA guidelines in collecting and disposing of bio-hazardous materials.

\_\_\_\_\_ Demonstrates (or explains) the proper method of collecting fecal samples in the large animal.

\_\_\_\_\_ Uses correct quantities of feces for fecal flotation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Set up a fecal float for CVT or DVM to review

\_\_\_\_\_ Can explain client options for disposition of euthanized or deceased animals.

\_\_\_\_\_ Discusses individual or communal cremation options with owners of deceased pets or to a staff member.

\_\_\_\_\_ Exhibits proper decorum when presenting a deceased animal to its owner.

\_\_\_\_\_ Knows proper method for collecting urine samples that are adequate for culturing microorganisms.

\_\_\_\_\_ Collects urine samples during the correct time of day.

#### **Unit 4**

\_\_\_\_\_ Correctly uses shielded gowns, gloves, and other protective wear when taking radiographs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Understands purpose of dosimetry badge for taking radiographs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Handles uses and stores radiographic cassettes and film properly.

\_\_\_\_\_ Recognizes the symptoms commonly associated with animals affected by rabies.

\_\_\_\_\_ Uses procedures that ensure personal safety when handling animals suspected of having rabies.

\_\_\_\_\_ Keeps assigned work areas clean and orderly.

#### **Unit 5**

\_\_\_\_\_ Bathes and dips patients as instructed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Follows accepted procedures when bathing or dipping patients.

\_\_\_\_\_ Safely cares for animals in runs, cages, stalls and paddocks.

\_\_\_\_\_ Uses the bedding types indicated for specific breeds/species of housed animals.

\_\_\_\_\_ Changes bedding materials in a timely and efficient manner.

\_\_\_\_\_ Properly cleans and sanitizes kennels

\_\_\_\_\_ Recognizes and avoids safety hazards in the areas where patients are housed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Maintains and repairs cages, kennels and stalls as needed.

### **Unit 6**

\_\_\_\_\_ Recognizes common breeds and varieties of exotic animals that visit the clinic and calls them by the correct common name.

\_\_\_\_\_ Safely handles and restrains exotic animals for examination and treatment. \_

### **Unit 7**

\_\_\_\_\_ Autoclaves veterinary instruments using moist pressure autoclave and chemical sterilization.

\_\_\_\_\_ Follows a prescribed procedure for cleaning all stainless steel instruments.

\_\_\_\_\_ Follows correct procedure for ultrasonic cleaning of instruments.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lubricates instruments properly during the cleaning process.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ensures that all sharp and cutting blades are removed and disposed of properly following surgical procedures.

\_\_\_\_\_ Maintains all dental equipment in clean and usable condition for performing prophylaxis treatments.

\_\_\_\_\_ Describes the purpose of anesthesia scavenger systems.

### **Unit 8**

\_\_\_\_\_ Describes (or demonstrates) the proper method for administration of tablets, capsules, liquid and topical drugs for canine and feline patients.

\_\_\_\_\_ Stores animal feeds according to instructions.

\_\_\_\_\_ Measures food quantities accurately.

\_\_\_\_\_ Reads and follows food label directions correctly.

\_\_\_\_\_ Reads and correctly follows written instructions for animal feeding.

\_\_\_\_\_ Reports animal food and water consumption rates correctly and on schedule.

\_\_\_\_\_ Understand the purpose of hydrotherapy.

### **Unit 9**

\_\_\_\_\_ Selects the correct syringe on demand from the veterinarian

\_\_\_\_\_ Correctly fills syringes with medication as directed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Recognizes intravascular, intramuscular, subcutaneous, and applications.

\_\_\_\_\_ Selects correct **needle gauge** and length requested by the veterinarian.

\_\_\_\_\_ Properly disposes of syringes, needles and other sharp objects commonly used in the veterinary clinic.

\_\_\_\_\_ Properly identifies expired substances. Bring to the attention of the Practice Manager.

\_\_\_\_\_ Demonstrates appropriate understanding and respect for the human-animal bond in dealing with clients and their animals.

\_\_\_\_\_ Demonstrates a basic understanding of commonly used veterinary drugs.

## **Unit 10**

\_\_\_\_\_ Obtains information relative to animal being boarded and/or discharged.

\_\_\_\_\_ Discusses and explains the charge for boarding costs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Posts and records money collected to the appropriate records as directed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Interacts cheerfully with clients and handles complaints with a smile.

\_\_\_\_\_ Uses common terminology (spoken and written) required in your veterinary practice.

\_\_\_\_\_ Uses proper method for placing large animals in a stall. (if not available must view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hyXZZjZ9gY8> Horse safety putting up a horse)

\_\_\_\_\_ Uses (or can describe) the proper method of haltering a large animal. (if not available must view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELtENuMYZR4> How to put a halter on a horse correctly)

\_\_\_\_\_ Practices (or can describe) the proper personal safety precautions when releasing a large animal. (If not available must view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hyXZZjZ9gY8> Horse Safety Putting up a horse)

\_\_\_\_\_ Demonstrates (or describes) the proper method of moving cattle and horses through chutes and into or out of stalls. (if not available must view: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghTuAnvJm\\_0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghTuAnvJm_0) Working Cattle through a Pearson Hydraulic Chute)

\_\_\_\_\_ Properly uses (or describes the proper use of) common devices and equipment to restrain horses, cattle, goats and swine for treatment. (if not available must view:

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Uw\\_apKzQzQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Uw_apKzQzQ) (Appropriate equine restraint techniques- applying halter & lead)
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M\\_f1QdMQgks](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_f1QdMQgks) How to restrain a cow-Part I
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYKpKgeun\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYKpKgeun_Y) How to restrain a cow-Part II.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NbxPU8lok94> How to restrain a goat
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihmfMjkjwvo> Restraining the pig with a snare

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\_\_\_\_\_ Describes (or demonstrates) the proper method for administration of a paste or topical drug on an equine patient. (if not available must view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QN93VF5Mto> RecoverX BCAA Paste Administration)

\_\_\_\_\_ Describes (or demonstrates) the proper method for administration of a bolus, paste or topical drug for a bovine patient.(if not available must view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-i6u1NFyi8> How to Administer a First Defense Bolus to Your Calves)

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