
Overview

This standard covers delivering basic treatments and medicines to animals in Home Office designated establishments, under veterinary supervision such as prophylactic and prescriptive medicines and providing the appropriate treatments to animals including cleaning, basic healthcare and routine procedures.

Where animals are undergoing scientific procedures, obligations to the personal licensee and reporting mechanisms for unexpected health concerns must be known. The Named Veterinary Surgeon (NVS) or other named person may need to be consulted.

This standard is for animal technologists in Home Office designated establishments.

It is essential that you work strictly within the limits of the relevant project licence.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 use safe practices and the appropriate personal protective equipment
- P2 maintain appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security
- P3 confirm the identity of the animal before delivering basic treatments
- P4 handle and restrain the animal correctly to keep it calm and comfortable and to minimise stress
- P5 use and store drugs, medications and equipment in accordance with veterinary instructions and organisational policy
- P6 use current and uncontaminated prescribed medication only for the intended animals
- P7 check that the correct drug and concentration are used
- P8 use the correct technique to give the specified treatment at the correct time
- P9 when it is not possible to carry out the treatment, immediately seek assistance
- P10 keep accurate and up to date records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation
- P11 observe animals after treatment and immediately report any unusual signs
- P12 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with legislation
- P13 conduct all activities within the provision of the project licence
- P14 comply with legislation relating to the care and welfare of animals in a Home Office designated establishment
- P15 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the importance and correct use of personal protective equipment
- K2 how to identify animals before delivering basic treatments
- K3 the significance of expiry dates on drugs and medications and your legal requirements for recording drug use
- K4 the requirements for recording and storing medicines in line with current legislation
- K5 the legal categories for medicines and who can dispense them
- K6 the importance of using the correct drug, concentration and route of administration
- K7 the implications of using the incorrect drug and concentration
- K8 possible sources of contamination to medication and how to identify damage
- K9 the equipment used for delivering basic treatments
- K10 methods of delivering prescribed basic healthcare treatments
- K11 the potential consequences of not keeping to instructions and procedures for carrying out treatments
- K12 how to use handling and restraint techniques to minimise stress in animals
- K13 the legal and organisational requirements for the handling, storage and disposal of waste
- K14 changes in the condition of the animal which may occur after the treatment
- K15 why it is necessary to monitor the behaviour of animals after treatment and report unusual signs
- K16 the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and how this can be achieved
- K17 the provisions of the project licence
- K18 your responsibilities for the care and welfare of animals in a Home Office designated establishment under relevant animal welfare legislation, European directives and UK codes of practice
- K19 your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies

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