

LANEDC7

Carry out post procedural equine dental activities



Overview

This standard covers carrying out the activities required following equine dental procedures. It includes providing advice to the owner/agent, completing records and maintaining hygiene and bio-security.

This standard is for equine dental technicians. Users of the standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies, and that they work within the limits of their authority, expertise, training, competence and experience.

LANEDC7

Carry out post procedural equine dental activities

Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 work in accordance with the Veterinary Surgeons Act (1966) and the limits of your own authority, expertise, training, competence and experience
 - P2 explain the treatment you have performed in the horse's mouth to the owner/agent
 - P3 advise the owner/agent of any problems or potential problems with the horse's dentition
 - P4 outline areas where veterinary advice should be sought
 - P5 if the horse is likely to require any immediate follow-up, contact the horse's usual veterinary surgeon
 - P6 advise owner/agent on best course of action prior to next visit, to include:
 - P6.1 advice on when the horse can next be ridden or exercised
 - P6.2 advice on support through progression of oral health/disease
 - P6.3 scheduling of appointments
 - P6.4 observations
 - P6.5 referrals
 - P7 record the findings of the examination and treatment performed
 - P8 ensure that you have a record of the owner of the horse and the keeper (if applicable), including their contact details
 - P9 leave a record of your contact details so that the owner or keeper can get in touch if they have any queries
 - P10 clarify the amount of payment required, how this is made up and agree how payment will be made
 - P11 ensure customer is issued with a receipt once payment is made
 - P12 communicate professionally with others involved in the care of the horse to include the animal's usual veterinary surgeon or another equine dental technician, and provide notes where required
 - P13 clean and remove all equipment
 - P14 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with legislation
 - P15 ensure working methods promote health and safety and are consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice
 - P16 comply with current animal health and welfare legislation and codes of practice at all times
 - P17 maintain appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security throughout
 - P18 maintain your own professional standards and ethics

LANEDC7

Carry out post procedural equine dental activities

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the requirements of the Veterinary Surgeons Act (1966) in relation to your role and the categories of equine dental procedures, to cover:
 - K1.1 Category 1
 - K1.2 Category 2
 - K1.3 Category 3
- K2 the after effects of sedation on the horse
- K3 who should be consulted/informed of your activities and findings
- K4 the advice and information you will need to provide to the owner/agent of the horse, to include:
 - K4.1 advice on when the horse can next be ridden or exercised
 - K4.2 advice on support through progression of oral health/disease
 - K4.3 scheduling of appointments
 - K4.4 observations
 - K4.5 referrals
- K5 the importance of client confidentiality
- K6 the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and how this can be achieved
- K7 your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation and codes of practice
- K8 your responsibilities for the duty of care of animals under current animal welfare legislation
- K9 your professional responsibilities as an equine dental technician
- K10 the importance of recording your examination findings and treatment provided
- K11 the role and importance of veterinary referral and communication between the veterinary surgeon and equine dental technician
- K12 the fees for services and how these are made up including costs and taxes and the reason for each type of fee
- K13 how to process payments, and any relevant forms that need to be completed
- K14 the principles and legislation relating to data protection
- K15 your legal and professional liability when working as an equine dental technician and the importance of appropriate insurance cover

Glossary

Horse

For the purpose of this standard the term horse includes donkey, ass, mule, hinny, pony and other equidae.

Animal welfare legislation

England and Wales - Animal Welfare Act 2006

Scotland - Animal Health and Welfare Act 2006

Northern Ireland - Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

Category 1, 2 and 3 Equine Dental Procedures

Category 1 Procedures

Those procedures which an individual can perform after recognised training without specific attainment of qualifications.

Examination of teeth;

Removal of sharp enamel points using manual rasps only;

Removal of small dental overgrowths (maximum 4mm reductions) using manual rasps only;

Rostral profiling of the first cheek teeth (maximum 4mm reductions), previously termed 'bit seat shaping';

Removal of loose deciduous caps; and

Removal of supragingival calculus.

Category 2 Procedures (Replaces category 2 as on 2004 draft)

Additional procedures suitable for delegation to an EDT who has trained and passed an examination approved by DEFRA:

Examination, evaluation and recording of dental abnormalities;

The removal of loose teeth or dental fragments with negligible periodontal attachments;

The removal of erupted, non-displaced wolf teeth in the upper or lower jaw under direct and continuous veterinary supervision;

Palliative rasping of fractured and adjacent teeth; and

The use of motorised dental instruments where these are used to reduce overgrowths and remove sharp enamel points only. Horses should be sedated unless it is deemed safe to undertake any proposed procedure without sedation, with full informed consent of the owner.

Category 3 procedures

All other procedures and any new procedures, which arise as a result of scientific and technical development, would by default fall into category 3, which are those procedures restricted to qualified veterinary surgeons and are not proposed for deregulation. It is therefore NOT legal for these to be performed by non-veterinarians.

LANEDC7

Carry out post procedural equine dental activities

Developed by Lantra

Version number 1

Date approved February 2013

Indicative review date February 2018

Validity Current

Status Original

Originating organisation Lantra

Original URN LANEDC7

Relevant occupations Equine Dental Technician; Equine Dentist; Horse Dentist

Suite Equine Dental Care

Key words equine dental procedures; advice
