

# LANRVN13

## Prepare animals for diagnostic tests and collect samples



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### Overview

This standard is about preparing animals for diagnostic tests and collecting samples. This covers the preparation, handling and restraining of the animals and monitoring the animal's welfare.

This standard is suitable for registered veterinary nurses.

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### Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 determine the diagnostic test required by the animal, against available information
  - P2 ensure the animal is suitably prepared with respect to diet, fluids, exercise and any special feeding requirements for the test
  - P3 ensure the animal is positioned and restrained appropriately, using suitable restraining equipment and methods
  - P4 identify the sample collection site correctly and undertake the appropriate preparation procedures
  - P5 monitor the animal carefully to detect any potential problems
  - P6 check the environmental conditions to suit the needs of the animal and the procedure
  - P7 collect, and assist with the collection of, the samples for analysis correctly as requested by the qualified veterinary staff
  - P8 minimise the discomfort and stress of the animal wherever possible
  - P9 store and label samples accurately in the appropriate containers
  - P10 complete the necessary documentation accurately and completely
  - P11 assess the potential risks to health and safety in this area of work
  - P12 comply with animal health and welfare legislation and codes of practice
  - P13 assess the five freedoms of the animal and how they may be addressed or affected whilst in your care
  - P14 select and implement appropriate infection control procedures
  - P15 maintain your own professional conduct

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 the types of conditions that are investigated using diagnostic tests
- K2 how an animal's nutrition, fluid intake and exercise may impact on the results of a test
- K3 the special feeding requirements for certain tests
- K4 how to encourage animals to feel at ease in the clinical environment
- K5 how to position and restrain different types of animal for different type of diagnostic test
- K6 sample site preparation techniques for different tests
- K7 what adjustments to environmental conditions are needed for different types of animal
- K8 why it is important to confirm that the correct sample is being taken
- K9 how to collect the commonly required samples from patients
- K10 how to minimise the discomfort and distress of animals during sampling
- K11 the details required and why it is important to record them in relation to the sample
- K12 how to identify and report any problems that may occur during sample collection
- K13 the principles and key points of relevant health and safety regulations and guidelines
- K14 appropriate infection control measures
- K15 your professional responsibilities as a registered veterinary nurse
- K16 your responsibilities for the health and welfare of animals under current legislation and codes of practice

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