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Prepare animals for endoscopy and ultrasound diagnostic imaging

Overview	This standard is about preparing animals for diagnostic imaging using suitable restraining equipment and methods and monitoring the animal during diagnostic imaging.

This standard is suitable for registered veterinary nurses. |

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

P1   confirm the animal's condition and the diagnostic imaging technique required

P2   position and restrain the animal using suitable restraining equipment and methods

P3   monitor and care for anaesthetised and sedated animals

P4   identify the areas to be imaged correctly and undertake the appropriate pre-diagnostic imaging preparation

P5   monitor the animal carefully to detect potential difficulties, including:

      P5.1. injury

      P5.2. distress

      P5.3. clinical deterioration

      P5.4. loss of diagnostic quality

P6   encourage the animal to feel at ease in the clinical environment

P7   assess the potential risks to health and safety in this area of work

P8   comply with animal health and welfare legislation and codes of practice

P9   select and implement appropriate infection control procedures

P10   maintain your own professional conduct

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

K1　why it is important to confirm what area of the animal is being investigated and what imaging technique is required

K2　how to position and restrain different types of animal for different types of diagnostic imaging technique

K3　what type of pre-diagnostic imaging preparation should be undertaken for different diagnostic imaging techniques

K4　how to monitor animals for different types of difficulties

K5　how to encourage animals to feel at ease in clinical environments

K6　what adjustments to environmental conditions are needed for different types of animal

K7　the principles and key points of relevant health and safety regulations and guidelines

K8　appropriate infection control measures

K9　your professional responsibilities as a registered veterinary nurse

K10　your responsibilities for the health and welfare of animals under current legislation and codes of practice

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