

## LANRVN22

# Prepare animals for veterinary surgical procedures



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### Overview

This standard covers preparing animals for minor and major surgical procedures and carrying out the correct positioning and use of aseptic skin preparation.

This standard is suitable for registered veterinary nurses.

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### Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 wear the correct attire for the preparation of animals for veterinary surgical procedures
  - P2 use effective hand hygiene technique as appropriate for the preparation being undertaken
  - P3 confirm the animal's condition and the surgical procedure being undertaken against available information
  - P4 position and restrain the animal carefully using suitable restraining equipment and methods
  - P5 identify surgical sites correctly and ensure the appropriate pre-surgical procedures are undertaken
  - P6 use appropriate equipment to:
    - P6.1. maintain the animal's body temperature
    - P6.2. prevent clinical deterioration
  - P7 check the environmental conditions to suit the needs of the animal
  - P8 assess the potential risks to health and safety in this area of work
  - P9 comply with animal health and welfare legislation and codes of practice
  - P10 select and implement appropriate infection control procedures
  - P11 maintain your own professional conduct

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 the importance of the correct attire in the surgical environment
- K2 the different methods of hand hygiene techniques
- K3 the type of information that could be used to identify the condition of the animal and the surgical procedures that are undertaken
- K4 how to position and restrain different types of animal for different types of surgical procedure
- K5 the types of pre-surgical procedures that should be undertaken for different surgical procedures, including:
  - K5.1. elective
  - K5.2. abdominal
  - K5.3. head and neck
  - K5.4. orthopaedic
- K6 how the animal's condition may affect the required preparation and handling during surgery
- K7 the equipment and methods available to maintain an animal's body temperature and minimise clinical deterioration
- K8 the adjustments to environmental conditions that are needed for different types of animal
- K9 the principles and key points of relevant health and safety regulations and guidelines
- K10 appropriate infection control measures
- K11 your professional responsibilities as a registered veterinary nurse
- K12 your responsibilities for the health and welfare of animals under current legislation and codes of practice

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