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Prepare animals for anaesthesia

Overview	This standard is about preparing animals for anaesthesia. It covers ensuring the environmental conditions are suitable and adjusted as necessary.
	This standard also covers the performance of pre-anaesthetic checks and procedures.
	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, the preparation undertaken and the anaesthetic procedure being administered against available information

P2   adjust the environmental conditions to suit the needs of the animal

P3   position and restrain the animal carefully using suitable handling equipment and methods

P4   encourage the animal to feel at ease in the clinical environment

P5   perform pre-anaesthetic checks and procedures prior to pre-medication and induction

P6   monitor the animal carefully

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   the type of information that could be used to identify the condition of an animal and the anaesthetic procedures that are used

K2   how to position and restrain different types of animal for different types of anaesthetic procedure

K3   how to encourage animals to feel at ease in clinical environments

K4   the pre-anaesthetic checks that should be undertaken and the different types of preparation needed to administer anaesthetics

K5   the pre-medication checks that should be undertaken

K6   how to monitor animals for different types of difficulties, including:
- P6.1.   injury
- P6.2.   distress
- P6.3.   clinical deterioration

K7   the adjustments to environmental conditions needed for different types of animal, including
- K7.1.   light
- K7.2.   temperature
- K7.3.   ventilation
- K7.4.   noise

K8   The principles and key points of relevant health and safety regulations and guidelines

K9   appropriate infection control measures

K10   your professional responsibilities as a registered veterinary nurse

K11   your responsibilities for the health and welfare of animals under current legislation and codes of practice

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