

# LANRVN5

## Handle and control animals in a veterinary setting



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### Overview

This standard is about the humane handling and control of animals so that care can be provided, examinations, clinical procedures and treatment can be undertaken and risks to the animal, yourself and others are minimised.

You will be able to assess the risks involved, identify appropriate methods of restraint, handling and control for the animal concerned and its requirements and use these methods effectively and safely in order to promote its welfare at all times. Types of animals could include domestic, farm, wild and exotic.

You will need to be aware of your own abilities and limitations and ensure that you meet the legal responsibilities for duty of care under animal health and welfare legislation.

This standard is suitable for registered veterinary nurses.

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### Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 assess the requirements for handling and control of the animal in terms of:
    - P1.1. age
    - P1.2. species
    - P1.3. breed
    - P1.4. temperament
    - P1.5. surroundings
    - P1.6. prior experiences
    - P1.7. owner's influence
    - P1.8. current health status
    - P1.9. reason for presence at veterinary practice
    - P1.10. external influences including interaction with humans and other animals
  - P2 select a method of humane handling and control that is appropriate for the animal concerned and its requirements in order to minimise the risks to the animal, yourself and others. This might involve the use of aids
  - P3 discuss and agree the handling requirements with clients and colleagues where appropriate in order for the work to be undertaken
  - P4 approach the animal in a manner that minimises distress and alarm to the animal
  - P5 adapt the handling and control of the animal in response to its reactions and behaviour
  - P6 complete records as required by the veterinary practice
  - 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 animals may require handling and control in a veterinary setting and how this might affect the method selected
- K2 how to recognise and assess the signs of distress, pain and alarm in animals and their potential responses to these
- K3 the range of different methods of handling and control
- K4 how to assess the risks inherent in handling and controlling different types of animals
- K5 precautions to be taken to prevent injury, stress or the worsening of existing conditions to the animal
- K6 factors that may cause distress, pain or alarm in animals
- K7 how to plan the handling and control of animals
- K8 how to advise others on handling methods to assist with veterinary activities where appropriate
- K9 how to identify situations or conditions where it is not suitable for a person to approach, handle or control an animal without assistance and the possible consequences of doing so
- K10 how to recognise your own abilities and limitation with regard to the handling and control of animals and how these might be improved
- K11 how to recognise the impact of your own behaviour on the animal
- K12 consider the impact of your interaction with the animal and how to minimise any adverse effects on behaviour
- 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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