

## LANRVN6

# Assist in the preparation of veterinary patients for medical procedures and investigations



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### Overview

This standard is about assisting in the preparation of patients for medical procedures and investigations, including obtaining the necessary patient information.

This could include preparing patients for:

1. examination
2. sample collection
3. fluid therapy
4. medication
5. applying dressings and bandages
6. diagnostic procedures

This standard is suitable for registered veterinary nurses.

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#### Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 obtain the necessary information on patients for the medical procedure or investigation e.g. size, age, weight, history, concurrent medical treatment and passport section XI for equines
  - P2 identify the medical procedure or investigation to be performed and the patient preparation required
  - P3 transport and handle the patient safely and correctly using the appropriate equipment and methods whilst ensuring the patient is kept as calm and comfortable as possible
  - P4 restrain the patient sufficiently to allow the preparation to be carried out safely and without risk of injury to the patient or people
  - P5 ensure there is adequate access to the patient to allow the medical procedure or investigation to be performed
  - P6 assess the potential risks to health and safety in this area of work
  - P7 comply with animal health and welfare legislation and codes of practice
  - P8 assess the five freedoms of the animal and how they may be addressed or affected whilst in your care
  - 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 information required on patients for medical procedures and investigations
- K2 how to prepare patients for medical procedures and investigations
- K3 basic animal management, including handling and restraint, for different types of procedures and behaviour
- K4 the need to prepare the animal quickly and competently to avoid causing unnecessary distress
- K5 how to make different parts of the patient accessible for examination and treatment
- K6 indications of potential problems and the actions to take, including injury, distress and clinical deterioration
- 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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