

Title	Manage a hospitalised animal patient		
Level	5	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: manage the wound, and manage the animal when on specialised support apparatus following general injury or illness.
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Classification	Animal Care and Handling > Veterinary Nursing
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Available grade	Achieved
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Prerequisites	Unit 5160, <i>Nurse a hospitalised animal patient</i> ; Unit 5199, <i>Set up an intravenous drip, and manage an animal while on fluid therapy</i> ; and Unit 5186, <i>Supervise monogastric animal feeding, and respond to client requests for advice</i> ; or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.
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Guidance Information

- 1 For credit, evidence must be in accordance with the statutory and industry requirements contained in the following documents.
 Relevant and current National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) Codes of Welfare and Codes of Recommendations and Minimum Standards, available at <http://www.maf.govt.nz>, under animal welfare.
 Relevant New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) standards, available from NZVA, PO Box 11-212, Manners Street, Wellington (<http://www.vets.org.nz>) including the current version of *Standard Procedures for Veterinary Nursing and Animal Care* (referred to in this unit standard as *standard procedures*).
 Animal Welfare Act 1999, Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Underpinning Knowledge
 The following areas of knowledge underpin performance of the elements in this unit standard:
 - Outcome 1
 Routes of administration, reasons for route of drugs in common use, groups to which they belong, legal aspects of pharmacy (oral, injectable, topical)
 - Outcome 2
 Fluid therapy definition terms, common fluids
 Water in the body
 Dehydration

Reasons for catheterisation, common catheters, cleaning and sterilising of catheters, safety checks

Types of food and preparation of food for assisted feeding techniques

Nutritional requirements

Precautions when feeding by assisted feeding techniques.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Manage the wound.

Performance criteria

1.1 Wound is kept as aseptic as possible, and cleaned and flushed to remove dirt, discharges, and debris.

1.2 Dressings and bandages are applied and changed according to the nature of the illness/accident in a manner which is neat, comfortable, and supportive for the patient.

Range ears, head, limbs, body, tail.

1.3 Measures are implemented to prevent animals interfering with dressings and wounds according to individual animal and location of wound.

Range Elizabethan collar, topical applications, bandaging paws, distraction methods.

1.4 Medication is administered as directed by the veterinarian, and records are maintained according to in-house procedures.

Range oral, injectable, topical, rectal, aural, optic.

Outcome 2

Manage the animal when on specialised support apparatus.

Performance criteria

2.1 Urinary catheter is accurately and aseptically placed, maintained, and removed, and procedures are carried out ensuring comfort for the animal, as directed by the veterinarian.

Range empty bladder, collect urine.

2.2 Fluid therapy is managed to ensure flow and amount as directed by the veterinarian.

Range oral, intravenous, sub-cutaneous, intra-peritoneal, intra-osseous.

2.3 Patient is fed with, and managed by, assisted feeding techniques as directed by the veterinarian.

Range gastric, nasogastric, pharyngostomy, syringe feeding, hand feeding.

2.4 Indwelling drains and catheters are maintained according to standard procedures, and variations to normal recovery are recorded and reported to the veterinarian according to in-house procedures.

Range subcuticular, peritoneal, thoracic, foley catheters.

2.5 External fixateurs are maintained, and variations from normal are recorded and reported to the veterinarian according to in-house procedures.

This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	30 June 1996	31 December 2022
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Revision	4	7 June 2000	31 December 2022
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.