

Set up and maintain an endoscope, and assist with endoscopy of animals

Level 3

Credits 2

Purpose People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare the patient and equipment for the procedure; assist the veterinarian throughout the procedure; and carry out post-procedure duties.

Subfield Animal Care and Handling

Domain Veterinary Nursing

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Accreditation Evaluation of documentation and visit by NZQA, industry and teaching professional in the same field from another provider.

Standard setting body (SSB) Primary Industry Training Organisation

Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) reference 0228

This AMAP can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Special notes

- 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*.
Animal Welfare Act 1999, Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and any subsequent amendments.

- 2 *In-house procedures* refer to the documented policies and procedures for animal handling and ethical behaviour codes required by the employer.
- 3 The patient is already anaesthetised in readiness for this procedure.
- 4 Underpinning Knowledge
The following areas of knowledge underpin performance of the elements in this unit standard:
Element 1
Parts of endoscope and their functions
Element 4
Selection, use, activity, and features of antiseptics and disinfectants and association with micro-organisms
Factors which affect rate of infection
Sterilisation methods appropriate for types of materials.

Elements and performance criteria

Element 1

Prepare the patient and equipment for the procedure.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Clients are advised of patient starvation procedures appropriate to species, age of patient, and type and timing of procedure.
- 1.2 Items are prepared for sample collection in consultation with the veterinarian.
Range documentation, pottles, tissue preservative solutions.
- 1.3 Function checks are carried out on equipment, according to manufacturer's instructions, to ensure it is in ready state for use.
- 1.4 Enema is administered as directed by the veterinarian.

Element 2

Assist the veterinarian throughout the procedure.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Patient is positioned in a manner appropriate for procedures, and gag placed to ensure comfort for animal and access for equipment.
- 2.2 Assistance is provided to veterinarian as directed.
- 2.3 Samples are placed in prepared tissue preservative in a manner which avoids damage to tissue.

Element 3

Carry out post-procedure duties.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Variations to normal recovery from anaesthesia are recorded and reported to the veterinarian according to in-house standards.
- 3.2 Client records are completed according to in-house standards.
- 3.3 Equipment is disassembled, cleaned, and sterilised according to manufacturer's instructions.
- 3.4 Equipment is stored to ensure safety and avoid deterioration.

Please note

Providers must be accredited by NZQA, or an inter-institutional body with delegated authority for quality assurance, before they can report credits from assessment against unit standards or deliver courses of study leading to that assessment.

Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

Comments on this unit standard

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