

OSCE Code NC06

NVQ Level 3 National Occupational Standard Ref: VetN 7.2

Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing Ref: VN 7.5, SAVN 17.2

This OSCE will be used to assess the awards indicated

Award	Award Reference	Pathway	
NVQ Level 3	100/6216/6	Small Animal	✓
NVQ Level 3	100/6216/6	Equine	x
Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing	500/9872/X	Small Animal	✓
Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing	500/9872/X	Equine	x
Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing	500/9872/X	Small Animal (Transitional)	✓
Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing	500/9872/X	Equine (Transitional)	x

This patient has just undergone surgery to suture a small cut to the plantar surface of the x hind paw.

The veterinary surgeon has asked you to apply a suitable dressing to the surgical repair (as indicated by the simulated wound on the model).

The patient is still anaesthetised and is being monitored.

Methodology: you will be expected to:	
1.	Select wound dressing
2.	Select small amount of padding e.g. cotton wool
3.	Select synthetic padding bandage
4.	Select conforming bandage
5.	Select protective layer
6.	Select and prepare (unwrap) materials and equipment prior to starting the bandage
7.	Select scissors
8.	Place patient in correct lateral recumbency with affected limb uppermost
9.	Ask assistant to support the affected limb to facilitate bandaging
10.	Wear gloves
11.	Apply wound dressing with correct side facing wound
12.	Dressing is applied in an aseptic manner – i.e. dressing touched only at edges
13.	Apply padding between the toes (as far as is possible on the model)
14.	Apply padding layer over the limb
15.	Padding applied to include the foot
16.	Padding applied to include the tarsal joint
17.	Apply conforming bandage
18.	Apply outer protective layer
19.	Bandage from distal to proximal limb
20.	Bandage material applied in correct order ensuring each rotation covers ½ - ⅔ of previous rotation
21.	Check suitable tension of bandage (i.e. not too loose or too tight)
22.	Check bandage is neat (e.g. no pieces of padding showing)
23.	Limb handled gently throughout
24.	Bandage applied to correct foot
25.	Finished bandage of correct tension (examiner check)