OSCE Code NC14

NVQ Level 3 National Occupational Standard Ref: VetN VetN7.2

Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing Ref: VN 7.5, EQVN 23.2

This OSCE will be used to assess the awards indicated

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

This patient has a small puncture wound on the dorsal aspect of the left tarsus (as indicated by the simulated wound).

The veterinary surgeon has requested that you dress the wound to protect it for 24 hours.

Note: The horse has been sedated appropriately for the examination and dressing application and is restrained

Methodology: you will be expected to:	
1.	Select wound dressing
2.	Select padding
3.	Select conforming bandage
4.	Select protective layer
5.	Select scissors
6.	Select and prepare (unwrap) materials and equipment prior to starting the bandage
7.	Wear gloves
8.	Apply primary dressing correct way up to wound
9.	Dressing is applied in an aseptic manner – i.e dressing touched only at edges
10.	Apply a minimum of two layers of synthetic padding or one layer of cotton wool over the tarsus
11.	Padding applied to include the distal tibia and fibula
12.	Padding applied to include the proximal metatarsus
13.	Apply conforming bandage
14.	Apply protective layer
15.	Protective layer not extended beyond the edge of the underlying padding
16.	Bandage material applied in correct order ensuring each rotation covers ½ - ⅔ of previous rotation
17.	Check suitable tension of bandage (i.e. not too loose or too tight)
18.	Check bandage is neat
19.	The completed bandage is suitable for its purpose (i.e. not too small or too large)
20.	Bandage applied to correct limb (left tarsus)
21.	Finished bandage correct tension (examiner check)