

Name: _____

Dirty Nurse

Date: _____

Put on cap & mask.

Lay out all surgical packs: gown & glove packs by scrub sink, instrument & drape packs on Mayo stand, Bard-parker tray.

Make ready all monitors and IV fluids: warm fluids in bowl of hot water.

Please calculate amount of fluids to be administered—refer to IV drip set packaging for information on drops/ml. Always set drip per DVM instructions; calculate how many mls patient received by knowing the drops/ml, drops/sec and the length of the procedure.

Place IV Catheter

Work with cooperatively with class members to practice the tasks listed below.

1) Communication: Communicate in a professional manner in all formats – written, oral, non-verbal, and electronic.

- Apply understanding of interpersonal skills and team dynamics in all aspects of team dynamics
- Utilize interpersonal and public relations skills
- Demonstrate telephone etiquette
- Recognize the legality of the veterinary-client-patient relationship
- Develop and provide client education in a clear and accurate manner at a level the client understands (i.e., oral and written form, including educational handouts)
- Apply crisis intervention/grief management skills with clients

2) Laws and Ethics: Follow and uphold applicable laws and the veterinary technology profession's ethical codes to provide high quality care to patients.

- Understand and observe legal boundaries of veterinary health care team members
- Interact professionally with clients and fellow staff members
- Demonstrate a commitment to high quality patient care
- Respect and protect the confidentiality of client and patient information

3) Patient assessment: Demonstrate and perform patient assessment techniques in a variety of animal species.

- Recognize common domestic animal species and breeds
- Describe and use common animal identification methods

Demonstrate effective and appropriate restraint techniques for various animal species

- encage and remove small animals from cages
- apply dog muzzle safely
- apply Elizabethan collar
- use restraint pole and other restraint aids
- halter, tie, and lead horses and cattle
- restrain birds
- restrain pocket pets and exotics
- restrain cattle and horses
 - ◇ apply twitch (horses)
 - ◇ apply bovine tail restraint
 - ◇ apply nose tongs/leads
- restrain sheep and swine
- load large animals

Obtain a thorough patient history

Obtain objective patient data:

- temperature (dog, cat, horse, cow)
- pulse (dog, cat, horse, cow)
- respiration (dog, cat, horse, cow)
- auscultate heart/lungs

4) Patient care: Understand and demonstrate husbandry and therapeutic techniques appropriate to various animal species.

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Environmental conditions

- implement sanitation procedures for animal holding and housing areas

Fluid therapy

- administer subcutaneous fluids
- place intravenous catheters (cephalic, saphenous, jugular)
- maintain and care for catheters
- determine/maintain fluid infusion rate
- monitor patient hydration status
- develop familiarity with fluid delivery systems

Apply established emergency protocols

- maintain emergency medical supplies/crash cart
- perform first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (simulation acceptable)
- use ambu bag

5) Patient management: Understand and integrate all aspects of patient management for common surgical procedures in a variety of animal species.

Properly identify patients and surgical procedures

Patient assessment

- review pre-operative evaluation
- evaluate current patient status

Prepare surgical site using aseptic techniques

Position patient for common procedures

Provide surgical assistance

- maintain proper operating room conduct and asepsis
- operate and maintain suction and cautery machines
- keep operative records