

Version 5.0

OSCE Code 7457-350 Diagnostic Imaging 14 (Lateral carpus) for Unit 308

This station covers the following RCVS Day One Skills: 1.1, 1.2, 3.6, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3

This OSCE will be used to assess the awards indicated

Award	Award Reference	Pathway
7457 – Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing	600/6052/6	Small Animal
7457 – Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing	600/6052/9	Equine

Scenario

This horse has been admitted to the clinic following a race. It has a suspected slab fracture of its' right carpus.

The veterinary surgeon has asked you to select and position appropriate protective and radiographic equipment to obtain a lateral radiograph of the right carpus.

Comment on whether the model horse is suitably positioned for this procedure.

The horse is lightly sedated and manually restrained by an assistant who is adequately protected.

Note: you are not expected to set exposure factors, or to make an exposure.

Please tell the examiner when you are ready to take the exposure

Methodology: You will be expected to:		
1.	Select and put on X-ray gown	
2.	Select and put on radiation dose meter	
3.	Select X-ray gown for assistant, request that they put it on	
4.	Select radiation dose meter for assistant, request that they put it on	
5.	Select 1 pair X-ray gloves for assistant, and request that they put them on	
6.	Select thyroid protector for assistant, and request that they put it on	
7.	Select small or medium cassette	
8.	Select appropriate cassette holder	
9.	Place cassette in holder correct way round	
10.	Label with patient identification and date	
11.	R marker in place	
12.	Tube head lined up so primary beam centred over carpus on lateral side of limb	
13.	Tube head at 90° to carpus (may be angled down approx 5°)	
14.	FFD approx 75 – 100cm	
15.	Cassette in holder positioned on medial aspect of right carpus	
16.	Assistant holding cassette holder standing in front of horse	
17.	Cassette in holder parallel to tube head	
18.	Primary beam collimated to include distal end of radius proximally	
19.	Primary beam collimated to include proximal metacarpus distally	
20.	Dorsal skin edges	
21.	Palmar skin edges	
22.	Labelling within primary beam	
23.	Collimated area does not overlap edges of the cassette	
24.	Correct positioning (to include necessary equipment)	
25.	Correct centring and collimation	
26.	Positioning of horse: candidate comments	
27.	Maintain safe practice throughout	