

OSCE Code 7457-350 Laboratory Diagnostics 07 (Ear swab) for Unit 309

This station covers the following RCVS Day One Skills: 1.1, 2.7, 3.3, 3.6, 5.2, 5.9, 8.3

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

The veterinary surgeon has requested that an aural swab is taken for bacterial culture by an external laboratory.

Using the equipment provided, take an aseptic sample from the x ear of this patient.

Package the sample to meet UN packaging instruction P650, ready for dispatch to the external laboratory.

This will be sent via the postal service.

Please note: You have already washed your hands.

You will be expected to:	
1.	Select charcoal swab
2.	Ask for assistance and give instructions for the patient to be restrained
3.	Select and wear gloves prior to commencing the procedure
4.	Using the swab, collect sample from the ear without contamination
5.	Collect sufficient sample for analysis by gently rotating swab to cover all surfaces
6.	Patient handled and sample collected without causing trauma to the ear
7.	Replace swab into the cover tube and secure
8.	Remove gloves and dispose of correctly
9.	Label swab with the location sample is being collected from (e.g. left ear)
10.	Label swab with the animal's name/ID, owner's name and the date
11.	Sample correctly collected and labelled using a safe, effective and aseptic technique
12.	Insert client's name on laboratory form
13.	Insert animal's details on laboratory form
14.	Sample type submitted on laboratory form
15.	Insert test required on laboratory form
16.	Wrap swab in absorbent material
17.	Wrap swab in bubble wrap
18.	Place swab in polythene bag
19.	Remove air from polythene bag and seal
20.	Place laboratory form in polythene bag (separated from sample)
21.	Place form and sample into outer packaging
22.	Secure outer packaging
23.	Place completed package in post tray – ready for submission
24.	Sample packed to meet United Nations packaging instructions P650
25.	Contaminated gloves not worn during completion of steps 9-23