

## **OSCE Code 7457-350 Laboratory Diagnostics 08 (Wound 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

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

### **Scenario**

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

Using the equipment provided, take an aseptic sample from the right carpus 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.

**Methodology: You will be expected to:**

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