

OSCE Code 7457-350 Nursing Care 09 (Ear bandage) for Unit 311

This station covers the following RCVS Day One Skills: 1.1, 3.3, 3.6, 4.7, 4.8

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 patient has just undergone surgery to repair an ear tip injury to the x ear following a dog fight.

The veterinary surgeon has asked you to apply a suitable dressing to the surgical repair (as indicated by the simulated wound on the model) and bandage the ear following this surgery.

Methodology: You will be expected to:	
1.	Select wound dressing
2.	Select small amount of padding e.g. cotton wool
3.	Select synthetic padding bandage
4.	Select conforming bandage
5.	Select protective layer
6.	Select scissors
7.	Prepare (unwrap) materials and equipment prior to starting the bandage
8.	Place patient in sternal recumbency
9.	Ask assistant to hold the patient's head up to facilitate bandaging
10.	Wear gloves
11.	Apply wound dressing with correct side facing wound
12.	Dressing is applied in an aseptic manner
13.	Apply padding to top of the head
14.	Fold affected ear up onto the padding
15.	Cover ear with further padding
16.	Apply layer of synthetic padding in a figure of eight pattern around the head with the unaffected ear exposed
17.	Apply conforming bandage in figure of eight fashion
18.	Apply outer protective layer in a figure of eight fashion
19.	Bandage material applied in correct order
20.	Unaffected ear is kept exposed at all stages
21.	Check eyes are not covered by bandage
22.	Check airway is not restricted
23.	Mark the position of the ear using the marker pen
24.	Check suitable tension of bandage (i.e. not too loose or too tight)
25.	Check bandage is neat (e.g. no pieces of padding showing)
26.	Bandage applied to correct ear
27.	Finished bandage of correct tension (examiner check)