

OSCE Code 7457-350 Nursing Care 10 (Fore paw 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 suture a small cut to the palmar surface of the x fore paw.

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

The patient is still anaesthetised and is being monitored.

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.	Select and prepare (unwrap) materials and equipment prior to starting the bandage
8.	Place patient in correct lateral recumbency with affected limb uppermost
9.	Ask assistant to restrain patient 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 appropriate amount of padding between the toes (as far as is possible on the model)
14.	Apply padding layer over the limb
15.	Padding applied to include the foot
16.	Padding applied to include the carpal joint
17.	Apply conforming bandage
18.	Apply outer protective layer
19.	Bandage from distal to proximal limb
20.	Bandage material applied in correct order ensuring each rotation covers $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{2}{3}$ of previous rotation
21.	Check suitable tension of bandage (i.e. not too loose or too tight)
22.	Check bandage is neat (e.g. no pieces of padding showing)
23.	Limb handled gently throughout
24.	Bandage applied to correct foot
25.	Finished bandage correct tension (examiner check)