OSCE Code 7457-350 Nursing Care 16 (Tube feeding) for Unit 311

This station covers the following RCVS Day One Skills: 1.1, 3.3, 4.4, 7.3, 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

This cat has been hospitalised following surgery to repair a fractured jaw. The veterinary surgeon requests that you provide its nutritional requirements via a naso-oesophageal (6fg) tube.   The patient is being fed x meals a day.

Using the prepared diet indicated by the examiner, you are required to:

a) Determine the volume of food required for each meal using the diet sheet provided.

b) Draw up the correct volume of food.

c) Demonstrate tube feeding using the prepared syringe provided by the examiner.

d) Record this on the hospital chart provided

Show all your workings including units

Note: You have washed your hands.

	Methodology: You will be expected to:
1.	Determine volume of food required per day
2.	Calculate the correct volume of food required per meal
3.	Correct units of measurement used for final answer
4.	Put on gloves
5.	Select and assemble appropriate syringe(s) and needle to check patency and position of tube
6.	Swab top of sterile water vial
7.	Draw up appropriate volume of sterile water to check patency and position of tube
8.	Dispose of needle in sharps bin without re-sheathing or needle re-sheathed safely
9.	Select appropriate syringe for food administration
10.	Draw up calculated volume of food
11.	Ask assistant to restrain patient
12.	Remove cap from naso-oesophageal tube
13.	Check patency and position of tube
14.	Administer food slowly
15.	Following administration of food flush tube with water
16.	Replace cap
17.	Check that the tube is clean
18.	Complete hospital sheet with date, time and volume of food administered
19.	Correct volume of food safely administered
20.	Dispose of waste appropriately