

Handling & Restraint Practicum Student Directions

Practicum #1: Removing a cat from a cage and placing in a cat bag

“Jewel,” a 6-month old calico has presented for pre-operative bloodwork prior to her ovariohysterectomy. Dr. Peelman asks you, the veterinary assistant, to remove “Jewel” from the cage her owner brought her in and place her in a cat bag for venipuncture. Please explain each step as you demonstrate the proper procedure.

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Practicum #2: Applying a gauze dog muzzle

“Diesel” is a 6-year-old German Shepherd who is fearful for physical examination. Dr. Birch has asked you to place a gauze dog muzzle on Diesel so that she can examine him. Please explain each step as you demonstrate the proper procedure.

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Practicum #3: Removing a dog from a floor level cage to restrain for lateral saphenous venipuncture

“Benji,” a 3-year-old cocker spaniel, was dropped off at the veterinary clinic today because he has been vomiting for 5 days. Dr. Kidd has ordered a complete blood cell count and chemistry panel. As the veterinary assistant, she has asked you to collect “Benji” from him cage and restrain him for lateral saphenous venipuncture. Please explain each step as you demonstrate the proper procedure.

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Practicum #4: Haltering of Ruminants

Dr. Mask is working a large herd of beef cattle and you are assisting him with routine vaccinations and deworming. While vaccinating the cattle he notices a steer calf with conjunctivitis. Dr. Mask has asked you, the veterinary assistant, to place a halter on the steer calf so that he can examine and treat the eye. Please explain each step as you demonstrate the proper procedure.