

Handling & Restraint Practicum Student Directions

Practicum #1: Applying a cat muzzle

“Tiger,” a twelve-year-old grey tabby, has presented for routine senior examination and vaccination. “Tiger” is not a fan of restraint, so in order for Dr. Cooper to perform the exam safely, she asks you, the veterinary assistant, to remove her from her kennel, and apply an appropriate cat muzzle so she can be examined. Please explain each step as you demonstrate the proper procedure.

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Practicum #2: Restraint of the cat for jugular venipuncture

“Bob” is a 6-year-old Bengal cat who presented for lily ingestion. Dr. Kidd needs to draw blood in order to perform a chemistry and complete blood count. She has asked you, the veterinary assistant, to restrain “Bob” for the venipuncture. Please explain each step as you demonstrate the proper procedure.

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Practicum #3: Placing a tail tie

“Kitty,” a 10-year-old American quarter horse, presented to the clinic for hock injections. Dr. Mask asked you, the veterinary assistant, to tie the tail prior to clipping and prepping the area for injection. Please explain each step as you demonstrate the proper procedure.

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Practicum #4: Restraint of a rabbit

“Thumper” is a one-year-old Holland lop rabbit who presents with signs of *Pasteurella* pneumonia. Dr. Birch would like to perform a physical examination, and asks you, the veterinary assistant, to restrain “Thumper” so that she can examine him. Please explain each step as you demonstrate the proper procedure.