

UNIT 301 TASK Dii

Administer Routine or Non-routine Treatment to an Animal Learner Guide

What Is This Task About?

In this practical assessment you will demonstrate that you can **safely administer a routine or non-routine treatment to an animal**.

You will be assessed on your ability to:

- prepare yourself and the animal safely
- calculate the correct dosage
- administer the treatment correctly
- complete all required records
- explain why monitoring and follow-up care are important.

This is a **practical assessment** and is **Pass only**.

What You Need To Do

During your assessment you will administer (or mock administer) **one animal treatment**.

This may include treatment for:

- ✓ Internal parasites
- ✓ External parasites
- ✓ A bacterial infection requiring antibiotics (e.g. Baytril)

You will also need to:

- calculate the correct dose
- administer the treatment safely
- complete treatment records
- explain any follow-up care.

Before You Start

Before beginning the assessment you should:

- Wear appropriate PPE.
- Wash your hands thoroughly.
- Tie long hair back.
- Remove jewellery if required.
- Prepare all equipment.
- Check the treatment instructions.
- Remain calm and organised.

Equipment You May Need

Depending on the treatment, you may use:

- Gloves
- Medication
- Syringes (if appropriate)
- Oral dosing syringe
- Spot-on treatment
- Measuring equipment
- Animal restraint equipment
- Treatment records
- Calculator
- Weighing scales

Always use equipment safely and according to manufacturer's instructions.

Step 1

Prepare Yourself

Before approaching the animal:

- ✓ Wear PPE.
- ✓ Wash your hands.
- ✓ Tie long hair back.
- ✓ Remove jewellery if required.
- ✓ Prepare all equipment before handling the animal.

Step 2

Check the Area

Before beginning treatment:

- identify any hazards
- make sure the area is safe
- prepare a calm working environment
- ensure equipment is ready.

Step 3

Approach and Restrain the Animal

Approach calmly and confidently.

Remember to:

- minimise stress
- use suitable restraint
- protect yourself
- protect the animal
- work quietly and patiently.

Step 4

Assess the Animal's Weight

Before giving medication:

- weigh the animal accurately
- check the weight is recorded correctly
- confirm dosage requirements.

An incorrect weight can result in an incorrect dose.

Step 5

Calculate the Correct Dosage

Before treatment:

- read the medication instructions
- calculate the correct amount
- double-check your calculations
- ask if you are unsure.

Never guess a dosage.

Step 6

Administer the Treatment

Follow the correct procedure for the medication.

Remember to:

- use the correct equipment
- follow veterinary guidance
- administer safely
- remain calm throughout
- minimise stress to the animal.

Step 7

Complete Health Care Records

Record:

- animal details
- medication given
- dosage
- date and time
- route of administration
- your name
- observations made.

Accurate records are an important legal requirement.

Step 8

Monitor the Animal

Observe the animal for:

- normal behaviour
- signs of discomfort
- adverse reactions
- improvement
- any side effects.

Continue monitoring after treatment.

Step 9

Explain Follow-up Care

You should be able to explain:

- further treatment if required
- future monitoring
- repeat medication (if appropriate)
- when veterinary advice should be sought.

Step 10

Clean and Store Equipment

After treatment:

- clean reusable equipment
- dispose of waste correctly
- store medication safely
- remove PPE appropriately
- wash your hands.

Good hygiene helps prevent disease spread.

Health and Safety

Throughout the assessment you must:

- wear PPE correctly
- follow legislation and codes of practice
- use medicines safely
- protect animal welfare
- work hygienically
- minimise stress to the animal.

How To Achieve a Pass

To pass this assessment you must successfully demonstrate all **14 essential criteria**, including:

- ✓ Preparing yourself correctly.
- ✓ Checking the area for hazards.
- ✓ Approaching and restraining the animal safely.
- ✓ Assessing the animal's weight accurately.
- ✓ Calculating the correct dosage.
- ✓ Administering the treatment safely.
- ✓ Completing health care records.
- ✓ Reassuring the animal throughout the treatment.
- ✓ Maintaining health, safety and welfare.
- ✓ Explaining relevant legislation and codes of practice.
- ✓ Explaining why monitoring is important.
- ✓ Recording the animal's condition after treatment.
- ✓ Explaining any follow-up treatment.
- ✓ Maintaining equipment correctly.