NOTE: This is not a complete list of common procedures. It is a list of procedures designed to test the candidate’s competence. Candidates must be able to complete / explain / demonstrate any one or more of the following procedures / actions.

Theatre Practice

Small animals, production animals and horses unless specified

- Apply a surgical head cover for staff
- Apply shoe covers
- Apply a face mask
- Aseptically gown
- Aseptically glove
- Surgical scrub
- Position small animals in dorsal recumbency
- Position small animals in sternal recumbency
- Position small animal in lateral recumbency
- Place a fenestrated drape
- Use four corner draping
- Drape a patient for ovariohysterectomy
- Drape a production animal for a rumenotomy
- Maintain a sterile surgical field
- Maintain an orderly trolley
- Open a wrapped sterile pack
- Open sterile aseptor packets
- Open sterile peel back packets
- Organise an instrument trolley
- Do an instrument count
- Do a swab count
- Pass instruments in the correct manner
- Swab an operation field
- Cut sutures during suturing process
- Apply surgical haemostasis
- Apply topical haemostatic agents
- Apply a tourniquet to control diffuse bleeding during surgery of extremities
- Dispose of surgical waste
- Prepare items for steam sterilisation
- Use, maintain and care for circulating water blankets and electric blankets
- Operate, maintain and care for suction apparatus
- Operate, maintain and care for Diathermy and/or Hyfrecators
- Identify surgical instruments and know their functions
- Care for and handle surgical instruments in a correct manner
- Store surgical instruments
- Inspect and test surgical instruments
- Thread suture material through a needle
- Identify needles according to shape, size, and type of point
Care for surgical needles
Identify suture material according to colour coding
Identify size of suture material according to suture diameter
Select appropriate size suture material for different tissue types
Handle suture material correctly
Place simple interrupted sutures with the correct knotting technique
Remove skin sutures
Identify the different suture patterns
Place a ground plate for an electro-surgical unit
Inspect all electrical equipment before use
Select the disinfectant of choice for different types of materials

**Surgical Nursing**

**Small animals, production animals and horses unless specified**

Wound lavage and management
Physiotherapy
Apply bandages
Place an endotracheal tube (small animals)
Pre-operative preparation of the surgical patient
Position a patient correctly for surgery
Post-operative patient care of all surgical patients
Pre-operative nursing of fracture cases
Post-operative nursing of fracture cases
Perform 2% Fluorescein stain
Perform Schirmer tear test
Prepare a cytological sample of the eye
Take conjunctival swabs
Administer eye medication
Prepare a patient for periodontal therapy (small animals)
Perform a basic scale and polish (small animals)
Perform a basic oral examination on a horse
Develop a dental radiograph
Position a patient correctly for the different radiographic views of the skull and mandible

**Medical Nursing**

**Small animals, production animals and horses unless specified**

Skin scrape
Hair pluck
Woods lamp examination
Blood smear
Faecal float
Faecal analysis
Wet prep
Faecal smear
Collection of faecal material
Collection of urine free flow method (small animals)
Urinalysis
Cardiac auscultation - normal heart sounds
Set up and monitor an ECG
ECG trouble shoot
Run six lead ECG tracing
Place an over the needle (Jelco or Bardicath) catheter
Pass a stomach tube (small animals)
Place naso-oesophageal tube (small animals)
Work out tube feeding regimens
Set up and monitor i/v infusions
Work out drip rates
Spike a drip
Work out revised drip rates when spiked
Physiotherapy (coupage, passive muscle movement, hydrotherapy)
Examine rumen motility (production animals)
Rumen fluid examination (production animals)
CMT (California mastitis test) (production animals)
Set up and monitor i/v fluid administration
Restrain patients

**Radiography**

Assist with small animal and equine radiography sessions
Have knowledge of routine equine and small animal radiographic techniques
Have knowledge of routine equine radiographic positioning
Perform routine radiographic procedures on small animal cases
Observe and assist in exotic pet radiography cases
Prepare patient for contrast study procedure
Clean radiographic screens

Identify films permanently in the emulsion by means other than the actinic marker system

Process a latent image into a permanent visible image
Produce a full set of radiographs of good quality from a presented case
Evaluate radiographic images by applying an effective critique method
Give instructions on positioning and handling of cases
Evaluate the quality of X-ray images

**Anaesthesia**

**Small animals**
Care of anaesthetic machine
Induction of anaesthesia
Intubation
Inhalation maintenance
Monitoring of anaesthesia
Local anaesthetic blocks
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
Post anaesthetic care
Pre-operative care
Administer analgesia
Anaesthetic records

**Reproductive Nursing**

**Small animals, production animals and horses unless specified**
Place a progestagen sponge in a ewe
Remove a progestagen sponge from a ewe
Monitor female animals during parturition
Care of neonates
Feeding of neonates
Collect and store colostrum
Thaw frozen semen straws and load the AI pistolette
Manage a nitrogen flask
Sheath wash bull
Prepare vaginal smears of a bitch
Evaluate vaginal smears of a bitch
Vaginoscopic monitoring of the oestrous cycle in a bitch
Identify and use obstetric instruments
Correct simple abnormal posture with dystocia ewe
Correct simple abnormal posture with dystocia cow

**General Nursing**

Evaluate temperature (small animals, production animals and horses)
Evaluate pulse (small animals, production animals and horses)
Evaluate respiration (small animals, production animals and horses)
Examine ocular mucous membranes (small animals, production animals and horses)
Examine nasal mucous membranes
Pass a stomach tube small animals
Blood collection cephalic vein small animals
Blood collection jugular vein horse
Blood collection middle coccygeal vein cattle
Blood collection cephalic vein small stock
Blood collection jugular vein small stock
Administer an enema small animals
Tablets and capsules per os small animals
Fluids per os small animals
Subcutaneous injection small animals
Subcutaneous injection horses
Intra-muscular injection small animals
Intra-muscular injection production animals
Intra-muscular injection horses
Intra-venous injection small animals
Intra-venous injection production animals
Intra-venous injection horses
Apply topical creams and ointments
Apply eye and ear medication
Administer oxygen
Bandage trunk small animals
Bandage inguinal region small animals
Bandage pendulous ear small animals
Bandage erect ear small animals
Bandage foot small animals
Bandage neck small animals
Bandage short tail small animals
Bandage long tail small animals