

Administering a Subcutaneous Injection

Participant must talk through practicum steps with judge.

CRITERIA	Points Possible	Points Earned
<p>The student lifts the skin using the thumb and forefinger forming a triangle or tent with the skin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student selects site with loose skin (between shoulder blades or above the ribs on either side of thorax) – 3 pts • Student cleans site with alcohol and cotton swab – 2 pts • Student uses thumb and forefinger of non-dominant hand to lift skin upwards – 2 pts • Student creates a “tent” of skin with a clear indentation – 3 pts 	10	
<p>The student inserts the needle into the skin at the base of the tent or triangle parallel to the body.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student holds syringe with dominant hand – 2 pts • Student holds syringe parallel to the skin on the back of the animal – 2 pts • Student ensures the needle bevel is up – 2 pts • Student inserts needle into the indentation made by the “tented” skin – 2 pts • Student ensures that the needle does not pass completely through the skin to the outside – 2 pts 	10	
<p>The student aspirates; looking for any signs of blood entering the syringe; if no blood enters the syringe, the student administers the injection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student pulls back gently on plunger – 4 pts • Student looks for blood in syringe – 3 pts • Student slowly injects fluid allowing time for fluid to disperse – 3 pts 	10	
<p>The student withdraws the needle and places in the sharps container.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student removes needle by backing out along the same path used to enter the skin – 3 pts • Student does not recap needle – 4 pts • Student places syringe with needle in sharps container – 3 pts 	10	
<p>The student rubs the injection site and praises the patient.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student rubs the injection site – 4 pts • Student checks for leakage of fluid or bleeding – 3 pts • Student praises patient with words and/or petting – 3 pts 	10	
TOTAL POINTS	50	