

Administering Ophthalmic Medication

Participant must talk through practicum steps with judge.

CRITERIA	Points Possible	Points Earned
<p>The student wipes any discharge from the patient's eye using a gauze sponge or cotton ball.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student examines animal for presence of discharge -2 pts • Student uses a cotton ball or gauze sponge. – 2 pts • Student gently wipes any discharge from the patient's eye. – 4 pts 	8	
<p>The student opens the end of the ophthalmic medicine prior to opening the eyelids.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student notes the amount of medication to be given – 2 pts • Student opens medication – 2 pts • Student places cap on clean surface – 2 pts 	6	
<p>The student uses the index finger and thumb of their non-dominant hand to pull the upper and lower lids apart to open the eye.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student uses non-dominant hand – 4 pts • Student's thumb pulls the lower lid down – 4 pts • Student's index finger pulls the upper lid upward. – 4 pts 	12	
<p>While resting the hand holding the medication on the head of the patient, the student applies the drops or ointment gently into the eye without touching the eye, counting each drop or applying the proper amount of ointment without contamination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student holds medication in dominant hand – 1pts • Student rests dominant hand on the head of the patient. – 2 pts • Student holds the medication an inch above the eye – 3 pts • Student does not touch the dispenser to the eye or surrounding hair. – 3 pts • Student counts each drop or applies the proper amount of ointment. – 3 pts 	12	
<p>The student releases the eyelids.</p>	6	
<p>The student allows the animal to blink to move the medication throughout the eye.</p>	6	
TOTAL POINTS	50	