

LANLP18 SQA Unit Code H5AG 04

Deliver basic treatments to livestock

Overview

This standard covers delivering basic treatments to livestock. The word treatment is used in its broadest possible sense to include hygienic procedures and basic health care treatments which fit to an individual or livestock enterprise health plan.

You will deliver basic treatments to livestock, consistent with the legal requirements, such health care treatments should only be carried out on own livestock or the livestock of your employer.

When working with livestock or machinery you need to be appropriately trained in line with current legislation, and hold a relevant award where appropriate.

This standard is suitable for those involved in the delivery of basic treatments to livestock.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 use and store drugs, medications and equipment in accordance with veterinary instructions and organisational policy
 - P2 prepare, use and maintain equipment in a safe clean and effective condition
 - P3 ensure the work area is prepared in accordance with organisational and legislative requirements
 - P4 use only current and uncontaminated prescribed medication for the intended animal and do not pass on for the care of other livestock
 - P5 use the correct techniques to deliver specified basic treatment at the correct time
 - P6 use treatment material safely and correctly as instructed
 - P7 restrain the animal securely and safely in a manner that meets your duty of care requirements under animal welfare legislation
 - P8 immediately seek assistance when it is not possible to deliver the basic treatment to livestock
 - P9 observe livestock after the basic treatments and immediately report unusual signs
 - P10 maintain suitable levels of hygiene and bio-security
 - P11 keep accurate and up-to-date records as required by legislation and the organisation
 - P12 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with legislation
 - P13 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental, health and safety legislation and animal health and welfare legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 types of tools and equipment required and how to maintain and use these safely and effectively
- K2 the significance of expiry dates on drugs and medications/vaccinations
- K3 possible sources of contamination to medication/vaccination and type of damage
- K4 reasons and legislative requirements for withdrawal periods for livestock previously receiving drugs
- K5 different types of health care treatments available and how they are administered
- K6 the importance of adhering to instructions for delivering basic health care treatments and the potential consequences of not adhering to instructions and procedures for carrying out treatments
- K7 importance of using the correct restraint technique minimising stress levels, safety of the handler and the animal
- K8 the consequences of the reduced effectiveness of drugs or medication e.g. drug resistance, drug immunity
- K9 why it is necessary to monitor the behaviour of livestock after basic treatment and report unusual signs
- K10 changes in the condition of the animal which may occur after the basic treatment
- K11 different methods of marking livestock which have been treated
- K12 when basic treatments are not suitable and the actions to take
- K13 the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this
- K14 appropriate records to be kept and their significance
- K15 how to handle, transport, store and dispose of waste in accordance with legal and organisational requirements
- K16 how the treatment fits with with overall livestock health plan
- K17 the limits of your responsibilities in delivering basic treatments
- K18 your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare legislation, codes of practice and company policies

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Glossary

Routine treatment may include: foot trimming, foot baths, moisture control, adding treatments to food, worming, vaccinating, dipping, basic medication.

Links to other NOS

Monitor condition of livestock covered in LP17
Basis Husbandry covered in LP19

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