

# SMALL ANIMAL DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING I CLINICAL MENTORSHIP



## VM 21500 CRITERIA HANDBOOK AND LOGBOOK

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3. Labeling and Identification of the Radiograph
4. Safety procedures/Machine Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)\*
5. Lateral thorax image\*
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***IMPORTANT! See following page for due dates for all tasks and Animal Use Guidelines***

**NOTE THE FOLLOWING DUE DATES FOR THE TASKS ABOVE:**

***Fall or Spring semester***

***5:00p.m. Thursday of week 3 – Tasks 1-2***

***5:00p.m. Thursday of week 6 – Tasks 3-4***

***5:00p.m. Thursday of week 9 – Tasks 5-6***

***5:00p.m. Thursday of week 12 – Tasks 7-8***

***Task 9 submitted after tasks 5-8 have been approved***

***Summer session***

***5:00p.m. Thursday of week 3 – Tasks 1-2***

***5:00p.m. Thursday of week 5 – Tasks 3-4***

***5:00p.m. Thursday of week 7 – Tasks 5-6***

***5:00p.m. Thursday of week 9 – Tasks 7-8***

***Task 9 submitted after tasks 5-8 have been approved***

***Incomplete grades will not be assigned for mentorships at the end of the semester.***

***Grade penalties will be assessed for tasks submitted after the due date.***

***Resubmission due dates will be set by the instructor as required.***

## **Animal Use Guidelines**

The student shall abide by the following guidelines when performing mentorship tasks:

1. A mentorship task may be performed only once on a single animal.
2. A student may perform a maximum of ten (10) minimally invasive tasks (denoted by one asterisk) on a single animal within a 24-hour period.
3. A student may perform a maximum of three (3) moderately invasive tasks (denoted by two asterisks) on a single animal within a 24-hour period.
4. When combining tasks, a student may perform a maximum of five (5) minimally and three (3) moderately invasive tasks on a single animal within a 24-hour period.
5. Tasks denoted with no asterisks do not involve live animal use.

For example, a student might perform the following tasks on an animal in a single day:

1. Restrain a dog in sternal recumbency\*
2. Restrain a dog in lateral recumbency\*
3. Restrain a dog for cephalic venipuncture\*
4. Restrain a dog for saphenous venipuncture\*
5. Restrain a dog for jugular venipuncture\*
6. Administer subcutaneous injection\*\*
7. Administer intramuscular injection\*\*
8. Intravenous cephalic injection – canine\*\*

Failure to comply with the Animal Use Guidelines may result in failure of the Clinical Mentorship.

# STUDENT INFORMATION

## GOALS OF CLINICAL MENTORSHIP

Working with a veterinary care facility, the student will perform tasks under the supervision of a clinical mentor (veterinarian or credentialed veterinary technician).

In order to achieve the goals for this Clinical Mentorship, the tasks must be performed to the level of competency as outlined by the *Criteria* for each task.

The student is responsible for providing documentation for each task as defined by the *Materials Submitted for Evaluation and Verification* section on each task.

In addition to the documentation, the Clinical Mentorship site supervisor will verify that the student performed the task under their supervision.

Final approval of successful performance and completion of the Clinical Mentorship will be made by the Purdue University instructor in charge of the Clinical Mentorship. This approval will be based upon the documentation provided by the student.

The Purdue University instructor in charge has the option to require additional documentation if, in their judgment, the student has not performed and/or documented the task to the level set by the Criteria.

Documentation of completed tasks is essential to validating the educational process and insuring that the performance of graduates of the Veterinary Nursing Distance Learning Program meets the standards of quality required by the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine faculty and the American Veterinary Medical Association accrediting bodies.

## CONTACT PERSON

Any questions regarding the Clinical Mentorship process should be directed to:

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# PRE-REQUISITES FOR CLINICAL MENTORSHIP

## Contracts and Agreements

Because of legal, liability and AVMA accreditation issues, the following documents must be submitted prior to beginning the Clinical Mentorship

1. Clinical Mentorship and Facility Requirement Agreement
2. Supervisor Agreement
3. Release of Liability, Health Risk and Insurance, Technical Standards and Mentorship Code of Conduct
4. Professional Liability Insurance Coverage

These documents are available on the VNDL website.

If more than one Clinical Mentorship course is taken, separate Clinical Mentorship and Facility Requirement Agreement and Supervisor Agreement must be completed for each course.

More than one Mentorship Supervisor may sign the mentorship logbook. Each must be either a DVM or a credentialed technician, and must complete a separate Supervisor Agreement.

*Failure to complete and submit the listed documents and/or non-payment for Student Professional Liability Insurance Coverage will prevent the student from enrolling in the Clinical Mentorship*

## Insurance

Two types of insurance are recommended or required for the student working in a Clinical Mentorship.

Health Insurance is highly recommended to cover the medical expenses should the student become injured while on the job. It is the student's responsibility to procure such insurance.

Liability Insurance is required to protect the student in the event of a suit filed against the student for acts he/she performed while in the Clinical Mentorship.

Each VNDL student is required to purchase, for a nominal fee, Professional Liability Insurance through Purdue University. The fee covers from the time of initiation of coverage until the subsequent July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Students will not be enrolled in Clinical Mentorships until the Professional Liability Insurance is paid, and the student is covered by the policy.

# WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A MENTORSHIP FACILITY

When evaluating a facility for clinical mentorships, the student should thoroughly research the site. It is strongly suggested to visit the site if not currently working there. This experience is a chance to begin to apply the wealth of knowledge and skills acquired and developed to this point in the veterinary nursing education. The following are points of discussion or questions to consider when evaluating the site (RVT includes any credentialed veterinary technician):

- Does the site currently have credentialed veterinary technicians/nurses on staff?
- Are there any boarded DVM specialists or VTS RVTs on staff?
- What is the role of the technician/nurse versus other members of the staff (such as veterinary assistants)?
- What is the overall size of the staff (professional and paraprofessional staff)?
- Is the site an accredited practice or facility (AAHA, ALAC, etc.)?
- Has the site hosted a VNDL student in the past?
- Does the staff seem receptive to hosting a student?
- Is the site located in a safe and easily accessible location? Are there geographical considerations?
- Is this also an employment opportunity?
- Ask the supervisor:
  - What are their specific goals for the student?
  - Have they ever been a supervisor before for a veterinary technician/nursing student?
  - Who else at the site may be involved in supervision?
  - Do they have any concerns for the legal allowances in which the student may perform certain tasks?

It is strongly recommended that the student show potential mentorship supervisor(s) examples of mentorship logbooks, so they are aware of what the student will need to accomplish in this facility. The discussion should include that most tasks will require videos of the student performing skills, and how this will be accomplished. A student may have multiple supervisors (either DVM or credentialed technician), and one must be present any time the student is performing skills for a clinical mentorship. Supervisors sign Task Verification forms which state that they observed the student as they performed each task. Mentorship supervisors act as coaches and must be present to ensure the safety of the patient and personnel. They are not involved in evaluation of skills; this is done by Purdue instructors.

# SELECTING THE CLINICAL MENTORSHIP SITE – FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

The student must visit the Clinical Mentorship Site and determine if the following supplies and equipment are readily available for use during the Clinical Mentorship. The student must complete and have the facility veterinarian sign the Clinical Mentorship Site Facility Requirements Agreement.

The veterinary care facility must be equipped with the following equipment:

- 300MA/125KVP X-ray machine (high-output machine for analog or digital radiography)
- Technique Chart for x-ray machine and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)
- Thyroid shields (2)
- 0.5mm Lead aprons (2)
- 0.5mm Lead gloves that provide 360° coverage of hands (2 pairs)
- Right and Left **lead** identification markers
- Patient Identification Labeling system for analog (film and screen) OR for digital images that includes ALL the following information: *Patient first and last name, Facility name, and Date image acquired*
- Individual personal radiation exposure monitoring device (badge, ring, etc.)

# SELECTION OF CLINICAL MENTORSHIP SUPERVISOR

The Clinical Mentorship Supervisor is the person who will sign Task Verification forms that verify performance of tasks at the Clinical Mentorship site. This person must be a credentialed veterinary technician (have graduated from an AVMA accredited program or met State requirements for credentialing as a veterinary technician) or a licensed veterinarian.

An individual who claims to be a “veterinary technician” but has not met the criteria for credentialing above is not eligible to be mentorship supervisor.

The individual is not considered to be an employee of Purdue University when acting as your Clinical Mentorship supervisor.

Each Clinical Mentorship Supervisor must complete a *Supervisor Agreement and Mentorship Code of Conduct*. The student must return these agreements with the other agreements prior to beginning the Clinical Mentorship. Multiple supervisors may be used for documentation of mentorship tasks. Each supervisor must complete a separate agreement.

Should the Clinical Mentorship Supervisor change during the course of the Clinical Mentorship, the student will need to have the new supervisor complete a *Clinical Mentorship Supervisor Agreement* and return it to the Purdue VNDL office. These forms are available on the VNDL website for downloading and printing.

Multiple Clinical Mentorship Supervisors may be utilized so one person does not have to be present for all task performances. Each supervisor must submit a *Clinical Mentorship Supervisor Agreement*.

***ALL TASKS PERFORMED FOR A MENTORSHIP MUST BE OBSERVED IN PERSON BY A SUPERVISOR FOR WHOM DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED***



# CRITERIA HANDBOOK AND LOGBOOK

This Criteria Handbook and Logbook contains the list of tasks that must be successfully completed in order to receive credit for this Clinical Mentorship. The student is expected to have learned the basics of how, why, and when each procedure is to be done from the courses listed as pre-requisites for this Clinical Mentorship. This booklet contains the directions and forms that must be followed and completed in order to meet the standards set for successful completion of this Clinical Mentorship.

Please read each component of each task carefully before performing the task to minimize required resubmissions. The components of each task are summarized:

**Goal** – Describes the ultimate outcome of the task the student will perform.

**Description** – Lists the physical acts the student will perform, and under what conditions these acts will be completed.

**Criteria** – Lists specific, observable, objective behaviors the student must demonstrate for each task. The ability to demonstrate each of these behaviors will be required in order to be considered as having successfully completed each task.

**Number of Times Task Needs to be Successfully Performed** – States the required number of times to repeat the tasks. The patient's name and the date each repetition of the task was performed must be recorded on the Task Verification Form.

**EACH REQUIRED REPETITION OF THE TASK MUST BE PERFORMED ON A DIFFERENT ANIMAL.** The student may not use the same animal to do all of the repetitions of a task. However, the same animal may be used to perform different tasks. In other words, one can't do three ear cleanings on the same animal, however, one may do an ear cleaning, an anal sac expression, and a venipuncture on the same animal.

**Materials Submitted for Evaluation and Verification** – These specific materials, which usually include video or other materials, must be submitted to demonstrate that the student actually performed the task as stated. Each evaluation states specifically what must be shown in the submitted materials.

*The Purdue University course instructor for this Clinical Mentorship has the option to request further documentation if the submitted materials do not clearly illustrate the required tasks.*

It is recommended that the video materials document all angles of the procedure. The purpose of the video and other material is to provide "concrete evidence" that the student was able to perform the task to the standard required.

Pre-planning the videos will help reduce the need to resubmit tasks. The student should narrate the video as they work, explaining what they are doing and why. This helps the evaluator follow the thought process and clarify what is seen on the video. The student's face must be shown at some point in every video to verify their identity. The name and/or number of the task should be either stated at the beginning of the video or embedded (written) into the video itself.

Videos, photographs, radiographs, slides, written projects, the Criteria Handbook and Logbook and any other required documentation will not be returned. These items will be kept at Purdue as documentation of the student's performance for accreditation purposes.

This validation is essential to help the Purdue VNDL meet AVMA accreditation criteria. Therefore, it is essential that the student follows the evaluation and validation requirements.

**Task Verification Forms** – Each task has a form that must be completed and signed by the Clinical Mentorship Supervisor. A supervisor must observe every performance of a skill for a clinical mentorship.

**Supplementary Materials** – Logs, written materials, photographs, or other forms/documentation may be required for specific tasks. The “Materials to be Submitted for Evaluation” section outlines what is required to submit for each task.

## COMPLETION OF THE CLINICAL MENTORSHIP

Mentorship logbooks include due dates for sets of tasks. Each set must be submitted by the deadline listed in the logbook.

**Task Verification forms** and other written materials should be submitted in **Assignments** for Documents in Brightspace. Task Verification forms are due by the task due date in order for each task to be complete. You must assign the forms and any other supplemental paperwork required for the tasks, to the correct course assignment in order for the instructor to view them.

**Videos** should be submitted in **Assignments** for Videos in Brightspace. This method of online submission does not limit how much you put on, is no cost to you, and automatically archives. You must assign the videos to the correct course assignment in order for the instructor to view them.

1. Open the Assignment from **Task Submission** on the left side of the Course Content page
2. In the Text Submission box, click the **Insert Stuff** icon
3. Click **Add Kaltura Media**
4. Click **+ Add New**
5. Click **Media Upload**
6. Click **Choose a file to upload** or drag and drop the video file into the designated area
7. The file will upload. Adjust the title to **Task #**, tags, and any other information
8. Click **Save and Embed**
9. **Submit** the assignment once all videos have been inserted into the Text Submission box

Late submissions will incur a grade penalty. Incomplete grades will not be assigned for mentorships at the end of each semester.

Feedback will be emailed to the student following review of each set of submitted tasks. As necessary, instructors may require resubmission of some tasks. When feedback is sent, due dates for resubmissions will be given. ***It is crucial that students with pending feedback check their Purdue emails frequently so this information is received in a timely manner.***

Final approval of successful performance and completion of the Clinical Mentorship will be made by the Purdue University instructor in charge of the Clinical Mentorship based upon the documentation provided by the student.

Upon successful completion of all tasks in the clinical mentorship course, a grade will be assigned by the course instructor based upon the documented performance of the tasks.

***Note: A student who is dismissed from their mentorship facility may fail the course and may be dismissed from the program.***

# CLINICAL MENTORSHIP TASKS

## INTRODUCTION TO ESSENTIAL TASKS AND CRITERIA

Before starting each task:

1. Read the Goal, Description, Criteria, and Materials to be Submitted for Evaluation and Verification. Understand what is expected for each task.
2. Make sure that all equipment and supplies needed to complete the task are available. Pay particular attention to the details of what needs to be documented and submitted.
3. Make sure to obtain appropriate permissions where necessary. Please inform the facility's owner/manager of activities. A good relationship with the veterinarian in charge is key to having a positive Clinical Mentorship experience.

After performing each task:

4. Label all items submitted so that the materials submitted for evaluation and validation at Purdue are identified as the student's submission.
5. Label all videos posted to Brightspace with the task number.
6. Submit materials by the deadlines listed in the logbooks.

# CLINICAL MENTORSHIP PROJECTS

## INTRODUCTION TO SPECIAL PROJECTS

Certain mentorships will have required projects to complete in addition to the required tasks. Written projects should be typed, and checked for correct grammar and spelling. Photos should be embedded into the related written documents.

Before starting each project

1. Read through the project in its entirety. This will give you a description of the project and what is needed to complete it successfully.
2. Determine what materials, if any, need to be submitted for completion of the project.
3. Most projects will come with a list of questions/points that need to be addressed and included in the written document.
4. If video is required for a project, it should be noted on the videotape verbally that this is for the project and not another required task. Some projects may require a verbal narration of a student doing something. Each individual project will define if that is a necessary requirement for that project.

Note: Videotaping and photographs are not for the purpose of verifying if the practice is within OSHA compliance or other government regulations. These projects are for the student's education. It may be determined by the student that the practice is not within the current recommendations. The purpose of these projects is to make the student aware of these issues, and how to recognize the issues and develop suggestions for improvement.

There will be certain mentorships where OSHA recommendations, in regards to equipment and policies, will be facility requirements for the mentorship.

# 1. FILM PRESENTATION FOR VIEWING RADIOGRAPHS OF THE ABDOMEN, THORAX, AND SKULL

**Goal:** To place radiographs on the viewer or computer screen so that the veterinarian has the proper orientation for interpretation of the radiographs.

**Description:** The student will orientate the radiographs in accordance with the radiographic presentation standards as defined in the textbook and course materials. ***Radiographs must include appropriate markers to identify right and left.***

**Criteria:** The student correctly presents a lateral abdominal radiograph.

The student correctly presents a VD abdominal radiograph.

The student correctly presents a lateral thoracic radiograph.

The student correctly presents a VD or DV thoracic radiograph.

The student correctly presents a lateral skull radiograph.

The student correctly presents a VD or DV skull radiograph.

**Number of Times Task Needs to be Successfully Performed:** 1 for each view

**Materials Submitted for Evaluation and Verification:**

- Task Verification Form signed by the clinical mentorship supervisor.
- One video that clearly shows the student ***properly orientating the required radiographs for DVM interpretation*** as defined in the above criteria for this task. ***The student must narrate each presentation using correct anatomical and directional terminology.***

## FILM PRESENTATION FOR VIEWING RADIOGRAPHS OF THE ABDOMEN, THORAX, SKULL.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ RVT, CVT, LVT  
DVM, VMD

I verify that the student performed these tasks under my *direct* supervision.

**Signature of Clinical Mentorship Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. FILM PRESENTATION FOR VIEWING RADIOGRAPHS OF THE STIFLE JOINT AND THE RADIUS/ULNA

**Goal:** To place radiographs on the viewer or computer screen so that the veterinarian has the proper orientation for interpretation of the radiographs.

**Description:** The student will orientate the radiographs in accordance with the radiographic presentation standards as defined in the textbook and course materials. ***Radiographs must include appropriate markers to identify right and left.***

**Criteria:** The student correctly presents a lateral stifle radiograph.

The student correctly presents a caudocranial view of the stifle. ***Note: VD pelvis view including the stifles is not acceptable positioning for this, as it is a craniocaudal view not a caudocranial stifle view.***

The student correctly presents a lateral view of the radius/ulna.

The student correctly presents a craniocaudal view of the radius/ulna.

**Number of Times Task Needs to be Successfully Performed:** 1 for each view

**Materials Submitted for Evaluation and Verification:**

- Task Verification Form signed by the clinical mentorship supervisor.
- One video that clearly shows the student ***properly orientating the required radiographs for DVM interpretation*** as defined in the above criteria for this task. ***The student must narrate each presentation using correct anatomical and directional terminology***

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ RVT, CVT, LVT  
DVM, VMD

I verify that the student performed these tasks under my *direct* supervision.

**Signature of Clinical Mentorship Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. LABELING AND IDENTIFICATION OF RADIOGRAPHIC FILM

**Goal:** To correctly label a radiograph with the required patient and hospital information according to hospital procedures and medical records regulations.

**Description:** The student will use a proper radiographic labeling technique that is available to them to label the radiograph meeting the radiographic labeling requirements as defined in the textbook and course materials.

**Criteria:** The student applied identification to the radiograph ***prior to*** developing of flat film, or prior to exposure when using a digital imaging system.

The patient label included in the identification: the client's name, patient's name, date of exposure, and hospital information.

The student applied proper identification markers for left or right side (L or R) and oblique marker if appropriate, during radiographic exposure. **NOTE: post exposure digital directional markers are *not* acceptable for proper radiographic directional identification.**

**Number of Times Task Needs to be Successfully Performed:** 1

**Materials Submitted for Evaluation and Verification:**

- Task Verification Form signed by the clinical mentorship supervisor.
- One video that clearly shows the student *properly labeling and identifying the radiograph* and the properly identified radiograph as defined in the above criteria for this task.
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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ RVT, CVT, LVT  
DVM, VMD

I verify that the student performed these tasks under my *direct* supervision.

**Signature of Clinical Mentorship Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. SAFETY PROCEDURES / MACHINE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP)

**Goal:** To accurately set the machine to produce a diagnostic radiograph, while employing proper radiation safety procedures to protect personnel during the production of a radiograph.

**Description:** The student will demonstrate the SOP for, selecting the machine settings (kVp & mAs), and use of radiation safety personal protective equipment (PPE).

**Criteria:** The student donned the required Radiation PPE (full coverage lead gloves, lead apron, lead thyroid shield, and dosimetry badge) as defined in the course work and the textbook

The student selected the machine settings according to the practice standard operating procedure for producing a diagnostic radiograph while abiding by radiographic safety procedures.

The student demonstrated how the radiographic technique chart that is utilized by the practice.

**Number of Times Task Needs to be Successfully Performed:** 1

**Materials Submitted for Evaluation and Verification:**

- Task Verification Form signed by the clinical mentorship supervisor.
- One video that clearly shows the student narrating and demonstrating the SOPs for the radiology machine and donning the required PPE.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ RVT, CVT, LVT  
DVM, VMD

I verify that the student performed these tasks under my *direct* supervision.

**Signature of Clinical Mentorship Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. LATERAL THORAX IMAGE AND POSITIONING

**Goal:** To produce a diagnostic lateral radiograph of the thorax

**Description:** The student will position the animal in required recumbency and produce a radiograph of diagnostic quality while following proper radiation safety regulations.

**Note:** *Both feline and canine radiographic positioning must be performed. Of the thoracic videos and radiographs submitted, one radiograph/video must be canine and the other a feline patient.*

***If digital imaging is used, the student may NOT crop the image post-exposure or use computer-editing software. Appropriate collimation should be done when producing the image to decrease scatter radiation.***

**Criteria:** The student and all assisting donned Radiation Safety PPE or utilized alternative restraint methods.

The student positioned the animal in lateral recumbency

The student appropriately collimated the primary beam to include only the landmarks for thoracic radiographs as defined in the course material and the textbook.

The student applied proper lead identification marker (L or R). Post-**exposure digital markers are not accepted**

The student made the radiograph at peak inspiration

The student recorded the full process (positioning and production) of the radiograph with a recorded radiographic diagnostic quality (CALIPER) film self-evaluation that includes the following criteria:

- Collimation
- Artifacts
- Landmarks
- Identification
- Positioning errors
- Exposure techniques (mAs and kVp settings)
- Radiographic presentation

**Number of Times Task Needs to be Successfully Performed:** 2

**Materials Submitted for Evaluation and Verification:**

- Task Verification Form signed by the clinical mentorship supervisor.
- One video that clearly shows the student **positioning the patient, radiographic production and diagnostic quality film evaluation** as defined in the above criteria for this task.
- Radiographic image.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ RVT, CVT, LVT  
DVM, VMD

**Patient Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Species:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Species:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that the student performed these tasks under my *direct* supervision.

**Signature of Clinical Mentorship Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



## 6. VENTRODORSAL THORAX IMAGE

**Goal:** To produce a diagnostic VD radiograph of the thorax

**Description:** The student will position the animal in required recumbency and produce a radiograph of diagnostic quality while following proper radiation safety regulations.

**Note:** *Both feline and canine radiographic positioning must be performed. Of the thoracic videos and radiographs submitted, one radiograph/video must be canine and the other a feline patient.*

***If digital imaging is used, the student may NOT crop the image post-exposure or use computer-editing software. Appropriate collimation should be done when producing the image to decrease scatter radiation.***

**Criteria:** The student and all those assisting donned Radiation Safety PPE or utilized alternative restraint methods.

The student positioned the animal in ventrodorsal recumbency

The student appropriately collimated the primary beam to include only the landmarks for thoracic radiographs as defined in the course material and the textbook.

The student applied proper lead identification marker (L or R). Post-**exposure digital markers are not accepted**

The student made the radiograph at peak inspiration

The student recorded the full process (positioning and production) of the radiograph with a recorded radiographic diagnostic quality (CALIPER) film self-evaluation that includes the following criteria:

- Collimation
- Artifacts
- Landmarks
- Identification
- Positioning errors
- Exposure techniques (mAs and kVp settings)
- Radiographic presentation

**Number of Times Task Needs to be Successfully Performed:** 2

**Materials Submitted for Evaluation and Verification:**

- Task Verification Form signed by the clinical mentorship supervisor.
- One video that clearly shows the student **positioning the patient, radiographic production and diagnostic quality film evaluation** as defined in the above criteria for this task.
- Radiographic image.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ RVT, CVT, LVT  
DVM, VMD

**Patient Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Species:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Species:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that the student performed these tasks under my *direct* supervision.

**Signature of Clinical Mentorship Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. LATERAL ABDOMEN IMAGE

**Goal:** To produce a diagnostic lateral radiograph of the abdomen

**Description:** The student will position the animal in required recumbency and produce a radiograph of diagnostic quality while following proper radiation safety regulations.

**Note:** *Both feline and canine radiographic positioning must be performed. Of the abdominal videos and radiographs submitted, one radiograph/video must be canine and the other a feline patient.*

***If digital imaging is used, the student may NOT crop the image post-exposure or use computer-editing software. Appropriate collimation should be done when producing the image to decrease scatter radiation.***

**Criteria:** The student and all those assisting donned Radiation Safety PPE or utilized alternative restraint methods.

The student positioned the animal in lateral recumbency

The student appropriately collimated the primary beam to include only the landmarks for abdominal radiographs as defined in the course material and the textbook.

The student applied a proper lead identification marker (L or R). Post-**exposure digital markers are not accepted**

The student made the radiograph at peak expiration.

The student recorded the full process (positioning and production) of the radiograph with a recorded radiographic diagnostic quality (CALIPER) film self-evaluation that includes the following criteria:

- Collimation
- Artifacts
- Landmarks
- Identification
- Positioning errors
- Exposure techniques (mAs and kVp settings)
- Radiographic presentation

**Number of Times Task Needs to be Successfully Performed:** 2

**Materials Submitted for Evaluation and Verification:**

- Task Verification Form signed by the clinical mentorship supervisor.
- One video that clearly shows the student **positioning the patient, radiographic production and diagnostic quality film evaluation** as defined in the above criteria for this task.
- Radiographic image.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ RVT, CVT, LVT  
DVM, VMD

**Patient Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Species:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Species:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that the student performed these tasks under my *direct* supervision.

**Signature of Clinical Mentorship Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 8. VENTRODORSAL ABDOMEN IMAGE AND POSITIONING

**Goal:** To produce a diagnostic VD radiograph of the abdomen

**Description:** The student will position the animal in required recumbency and produce a radiograph of diagnostic quality while following proper radiation safety regulations.

**Note:** *Both feline and canine radiographic positioning must be performed. Of the abdominal videos and radiographs submitted, one radiograph/video must be canine and the other a feline patient.*

**If digital imaging is used, the student may NOT crop the image post-exposure or use computer-editing software. Appropriate collimation should be done when producing the image to decrease scatter radiation.**

**Criteria:** The student and all those assisting donned Radiation Safety PPE or utilized alternative restraint methods.

The student positioned the animal in VD recumbency

The student appropriately collimated the primary beam to include only the landmarks for abdominal radiographs as defined in the course material and the textbook.

The student applied a proper lead identification marker (L or R). Post-**exposure digital markers are not accepted**

The student made the radiograph at peak expiration.

The student recorded the full process (positioning and production) of the radiograph with a recorded radiographic diagnostic quality (CALIPER) film self-evaluation that includes the following criteria:

- Collimation
- Artifacts
- Landmarks
- Identification
- Positioning errors
- Exposure techniques (mAs and kVp settings)
- Radiographic presentation

**Number of Times Task Needs to be Successfully Performed:** 2

**Materials Submitted for Evaluation and Verification:**

- Task Verification Form signed by the clinical mentorship supervisor.
- One video that clearly shows the student **positioning the patient, radiographic production and diagnostic quality film evaluation** as defined in the above criteria for this task.
- Radiographic image.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ RVT, CVT, LVT  
DVM, VMD

**Patient Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Species:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I verify that the student performed these tasks under my *direct* supervision.

**Signature of Clinical Mentorship Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 9. RADIOLOGY LOG

**Goal:** To record accurate information for patient radiographs in a radiology-specific log

**Description:** The kept a log of all the patients that were utilized for this mentorship to ensure that they are following the state regulations of radiographic logs.

**Criteria:** The student created a radiographic log that includes the following information:

- Date image taken
- Patient ID
- Patient first and last name
- Species
- Anatomical region of interest
- Caliper measurement (if applicable) or weight
- kvp
- mAs
- x-ray machine make and model (and the digital system make and model if different than the machine)
- Additional comments (technique adjustments)
- A Copy of the radiographic technique chart

The student accurately recorded information from all the thorax and abdomen images produced in this course

**Number of Times Task Needs to be Successfully Performed:** 1 (for all submitted thorax and abdomen images)

**Materials Submitted for Evaluation and Verification:**

- Task Verification Form signed by the clinical mentorship supervisor.
- Copy of the radiology log page for all thorax and abdomen images produced in this course

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ RVT, CVT, LVT  
DVM, VMD

I verify that the student performed these tasks under my *direct* supervision.

**Signature of Clinical Mentorship Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_