**Applying a Gauze Dog Muzzle**

*Participant must talk through practicum steps with judge.*

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| **CRITERIA**  **Time Limit: 3 minutes** | Points  Possible | Points  Earned |
| The student selects proper type of material and length.   * Student uses large (2 inch) or small (1 inch) gauze based on animal size - 2 pts * Student uses at least a full arm span’s length of gauze - 2 pts | 4 |  |
| The student places the dog in sitting or sternal position on exam table or floor. | 2 |  |
| The student makes a loop in the gauze and approaches the dog from behind.   * Student makes a loop in the middle of the gauze strip using a half knot – 2 pts * Student makes loop appropriately sized for dog’s muzzle (large loop for large dog, smaller loop for smaller dog) – 2 pts * Student approaches dog from back or side – 2 pts | 6 |  |
| The student places the loop on the dog’s face with the tie on top.   * Student brings open loop down from above and behind the head and scoops dog’s muzzle inside – 1 pt * Loop is slid behind the upper canine teeth – 1 pt * The tie (cross over) of the loop is on top of the dog’s muzzle – 2 pts * Student keeps hands at a safe distance from dog’s muzzle – 2 pts | 6 |  |
| The student quickly tightens the loop, and then crosses the ends under the dog’s face.   * As soon as the loop is in the proper position student pulls loose ends down and away from dog’s face to tighten – 2 pts * Student tightens loop securely, but not so tight as to cause pain or prevent the dog from panting – 2 pts * Student keeps hands at a safe distance from dog’s muzzle – 1 pt * Student crosses loose ends under dog’s muzzle and tightens – 1 pt | 6 |  |
| The student brings the ends back behind the dog’s head under the ears and ties in a quick-release bow.   * Student brings loose ends up and back around dog’s head – 2 pts * Student crosses loose ends behind dog’s ears – 2 pts * Student ties ends with a quick release knot – 2 pts | 6 |  |
| **TOTAL POINTS** | **30** |  |