**Administering a Subcutaneous Injection**

*Participant must talk through practicum steps with judge.*

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| **CRITERIA** | Points  Possible | Points  Earned |
| The student lifts the skin using the thumb and forefinger forming a triangle or tent with the skin.   * 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 |  |
| The student inserts the needle into the skin at the base of the tent or triangle parallel to the body.   * 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 |  |
| The student aspirates; looking for any signs of blood entering the syringe; if no blood enters the syringe, the student administers the injection.   * 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 |  |
| The student withdraws the needle and places in the sharps container.   * 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 |  |
| The student rubs the injection site and praises the patient.   * 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** |  |