**Administer Oral Tablet/Capsule**

*Participant must talk through practicum steps with judge.*

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| **CRITERIA** | Points  Possible | Points  Earned |
| The student reads and interprets the veterinarian’s order. – 2 pts | 2 |  |
| The student selects the correct drug and concentration.   * Student reads the medication bottle to confirm the proper dose.- 3 pts * Student transfers the appropriate number of tablets to a small medication cup- 3 pts * Student puts on gloves to avoid contact with the tablet/capsule. - 3 pts | 9 |  |
| The student is able to safely restraint and open the mouth of the patient.   * Student wraps one arm behind the patient and holds the upper jaw with non-dominant hand – 5 pts * Student grabs the capsule holder tool with medication - 5 pts * Student safely grips the upper jaw/muzzle with one hand avoiding placing their hand where the patient could easily bite down - 5 pts | 15 |  |
| The student accurately administers the tablet/capsule.   * Student opens the lower jaw by applying a small amount of pressure at the tip of the lower jaw– 5 pts * Student puts the capsule tool as far into the mouth in order to dispense medication on top of the patient’s tongue. – 5pts * Student uses the capsule holder to quickly administer medication. – 3 pts | 12 |  |
| The student uses an appropriate technique to encourage the patient to swallow.   * Student uses hand to gently close the patients lower jaw and tilt the head up– 5 pts * Student then rubs the patients throat applying light pressure to ensure that the patient swallows the capsule. – 5 pts * Student observes the patient for a short time to make sure the medication was swallowed. – 2 pts | 12 |  |
| **TOTAL POINTS** | **50** |  |