**Bandage Removal**

*Participant must talk through practicum steps with judge.*

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| **CRITERIA** | Points  Possible | Points  Earned |
| The student chooses the bandage scissors and holds in proper orientation.   * Student chooses scissors with capped lower tip and blunt upper tip – 3 pts * Student holds scissors parallel to dorsal (top) of leg with capped end down – 4 pts * Student has thumb in upper ring and ring finger in lower ring – 3 pts | 10 |  |
| The student keeps the blade flat against the body and the tip raised slightly upward in contact with bandage.   * Student places lower capped tip against animal body – 4 pts * Student angles tip slightly upward – 3 pts * Student ensures that capped tip is in contact with bandage – 3 pts | 10 |  |
| The student begins cutting each layer from the distal end moving proximally.   * Student begins cutting at the distal end of the bandage – 3 pts * Student cuts only the top layer of bandage first – 3 pts * Student makes small cuts moving proximally up to the top of the bandage – 3 pts * Student ensures he/she does not cut skin of dog when cutting layer nearest to skin – 3 pts | 12 |  |
| The student gently removes each layer of bandage.   * Student peels top layer of bandage back before proceeding to cut next bandage layer – 4 pts * Student gently separates bandage from fur/skin so as not to cause pain – 4 pts | 8 |  |
| The student notes the status of the unbandaged area and states if it is normal or if there are any problems.   * Student looks for swelling, bleeding, discharge, or other abnormalities – 2 pts * Student reports status of the area to the veterinarian – 2pts | 4 |  |
| The student cleans up work area.   * Student throws away used bandages – 2 pts * Student cleans table with disinfectant – 2 pts * Student cleans bandage scissors and put them away – 2 pts | 6 |  |
| **TOTAL POINTS** | **50** |  |