Course Title:  Introduction to Veterinary Technology

Contact Hours:  78

WECM:  VTHT 1001

Class Web Site:  http://www.collin.edu/ce/courses/vetassist.html

Course Description:
Survey of the profession of veterinary technology with emphasis on basic techniques, handling and care of animals, and ethical and professional requirements.

Course Prerequisite(s):
Orientation to Veterinary Medicine

Course Objectives:
1. Demonstrate basic restraint, medication, and treatment for domestic animals
2. Identify breeds of animals (F1, F4)
3. Specify the responsibilities of a veterinary assistant in a veterinary practice including physical exams, basic care, feeding, sanitation, public and/or client relations (F6, F7, F8, F9, F10, F11, F12, F13)
4. Identify ethical and legal issues relating to veterinary medicine (F15, F16)

Certification Notes: Introduction to Veterinary Technology is one of 2 classes needed, in addition to the Practicum, to complete the requirements for CVA level I through TVMA.

Next Class Possibilities:
Practicum – Veterinary Assistant

Textbook(s):
Elsevier’s Veterinary Assisting
ISBN: 978-0-323-09140-4
Author: Margi Sirois

Lesson Plan – by week or session
Veterinary facility cleanliness and orderliness
Health hazards in the veterinary practice
General knowledge of zoonotic diseases and common diagnoses
The human-animal bond
Handling sharps containers
Safety in the laboratory area
Fecal collection and handling
Collection of a voided urine sample
Disposal of dead animals
Safety in the imaging center
Proper care of radiology and ultrasonography equipment
Bathing and dipping
Safety in the patient confinement area

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Care and materials in the bedding area
Proper maintenance of cage, kennel and stall areas
Identification of animal restraints and equipment
Identification of breeds of common animals
Identification of common exotic species
Safety in the patient confinement area
Cleaning of instruments
Equipment training
Safety in the prep and surgery area
Giving medications
Food preparation
Performing hydrotherapy
Syringe use and disposal
Safety in the pharmacy area