

Directions: Evaluate the trainee using the rating scale below and check the appropriate number to indicate the degree of competency achieve. The numerical rating of 3,2,1 and 0 are not intended to represent the traditional school grading system of A, B, C, D and F. The descriptions associated with each of the numbers focus on level of student performance for each of the tasks listed below.

Rating Scale:

- 0 – No exposure – no information nor practice provided during training program, complete training required.
- 1 – Exposure only – general information provided with no practice time, close supervision needed and additional training required.
- 2 – Moderately Skilled – has performed independently during training program, limited additional training may be required
- 3 – Skilled – can perform independently with no additional training

1. Number of Competencies Evaluated _____

2. Number of Competencies Rated 2 or 3 _____

3. Percent of Competencies Attained (2/1) _____

Grade

Instructor Signature _____ Date _____

01.0Introduction to Small Animal Care

The student will be able to:

0 1 2 3

- 01.01 Briefly describe the history of animals on the earth
- 01.02 List the important time periods in the evolution of animals
- 01.03 Describe how animals probably became domesticated
- 01.04 Describe the importance of the small animal industry
- 01.05 Describe how organisms are classified

02.0Safety

The student will be able to:

0 1 2 3

- 02.01 Explain the importance of safety when working and playing with small animals
- 02.02 List 10 diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans
- 02.03 Describe how to prevent becoming infected by small animals
- 02.04 Describe proper restraint procedures when working with small animals
- 02.05 List guidelines for safety when handling dangerous chemicals and when working with small animals

03.0 Small Animals as Pets

The student will be able to:

0 1 2 3

- 03.01 List the questions a person should ask before buying a pet
- 03.02 Compare the different options available for obtaining a pet
- 03.03 Describe what is meant by responsible pet ownership
- 03.04 List the important lessons children can learn from their pets
- 03.05 Describe the benefits pets can have for the elderly
- 03.06 Define euthanasia
- 03.07 Describe the importance of euthanasia to a pet owner

05.0 Careers in Small Animal Care

The student will be able to:

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- 05.01 Compare opportunities in small animal care and management
- 05.02 Describe the nature of the work, salaries, and requirements necessary for obtaining a job in the field of small animal care

07.0 Dogs

The student will be able to:

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- 07.01 Discuss the history of the dog
- 07.02 Compare the seven major groups of dogs
- 07.03 Discuss the proper methods of feeding and exercising dogs
- 07.04 Discuss methods of training dogs
- 07.05 Discuss the grooming and health care of dogs
- 07.06 Discuss the various diseases of dogs

04.0 Animal Rights and Animal Welfare

The student will be able to:

0 1 2 3

- 04.01 Define the terms *animal rights* and *animal welfare* and be able to compare and contrast them
- 04.02 Identify important persons in the animal rights movement
- 04.03 Identify important dates and acts of legislation associated with animal welfare
- 04.04 Compare the issues concerning animal rights and animal welfare

06.0 Nutrition and Digestive Systems

The student will be able to:

0 1 2 3

- 06.01 Define the terms *nutrition* and *nutrient*
- 06.02 List the six basic nutrient groups
- 06.03 Discuss the difference between the ruminant and nonruminant digestive system
- 06.04 Discuss the importance of the various nutrients in the diets of animals

08.0 Cats

The student will be able to:

0 1 2 3

- 08.01 Discuss the history of cats
- 08.02 List the major groups and breeds of cats
- 08.03 Discuss the proper methods of feeding cats
- 08.04 Discuss the general grooming and health care of cats
- 08.05 Discuss the various diseases of cats

09.0 Rabbits

The student will be able to:

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- 09.01 Discuss the history of the rabbit
- 09.02 Discuss uses for rabbits
- 09.03 List the five weight categories of rabbits
- 09.04 List the breeds of rabbits
- 09.05 Discuss the housing and equipment needs of rabbits
- 09.06 Discuss the nutrient requirements of rabbits
- 09.07 Discuss various diseases that affect rabbits

11.0 Gerbils

The student will be able to:

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- 11.01 Describe the characteristics of gerbils
- 11.02 List practices for general care of gerbils
- 11.03 Describe the common disease and ailments of gerbils

13.0 Mice

The student will be able to:

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- 13.01 Detail the history of the common house mouse
- 13.02 Describe the clan or colony structure of the house mouse
- 13.03 List practices for the general care of pet mice
- 13.04 List the common feeds for mice
- 13.05 Describe the common methods of handling mice
- 13.06 Describe common diseases and ailments of pet mice

10.0 Hamsters

The student will be able to:

0 1 2 3

- 10.01 Recognize and describe the common types of hamsters
- 10.02 List common management practices for maintaining health
- 10.03 List common diseases and ailments of hamsters

12.0 Rats

The student will be able to:

0 1 2 3

- 12.01 Detail the history of the brown and black rat
- 12.02 Describe the common characteristics of common rats
- 12.03 List the common methods of feeding and caring for rats
- 12.04 Describe the common diseases and ailments of rats

14.0 Guinea Pigs

The student will be able to:

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- 14.01 Detail the history of the guinea pig
- 14.02 List and describe the seven varieties of guinea pigs
- 14.03 List practices for maintaining the good health of guinea pigs
- 14.04 Describe how to pick up and handle a guinea pig
- 14.05 Describe the common diseases and ailments of the guinea pig

15.0 Chinchillas

The student will be able to:

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- 15.01 Detail the history of the chinchilla
- 15.02 Describe the two species of chinchilla
- 15.03 List practices for care of chinchillas
- 15.04 Describe the methods of handling a chinchilla
- 15.05 Describe the common disease and ailments of the chinchilla

16.0 Ferrets

The student will be able to:

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- 16.01 Detail the history of the domestic ferret
- 16.02 List and describe the various color patterns of ferrets
- 16.03 List the general care practices for ferrets
- 16.04 List the common feeds for ferrets
- 16.05 Describe the correct method for handling a ferret
- 16.06 Describe the common diseases and ailments of ferrets

18.0 Reptiles

The student will be able to:

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- 18.01 Describe the characteristics of reptiles
- 18.02 Compare the four orders of reptiles
- 18.03 Describe the methods used in handling and feeding reptiles
- 18.04 Describe the housing and equipment needs of reptiles kept in captivity

21.0 Birds

The student will be able to:

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- 20.01 Describe the characteristics of fish
- 20.02 Compare the three classes of fish
- 20.03 Describe and set up a freshwater and marine aquarium
- 20.04 Describe the feeding habits of fish
- 20.05 Describe the common diseases of fish

19.0 Sugar Gliders

The student will be able to:

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- 22.01 Recognize and describe the sugar glider
- 22.02 Compare and contrast marsupial mammals and placental mammals
- 22.03 List the common management practices for maintaining the health of sugar gliders
- 22.04 List common diseases and ailments of sugar gliders

17.0 Amphibians

The student will be able to:

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- 17.01 Describe the characteristics of amphibians
- 17.02 Compare the three orders of amphibians
- 17.03 Describe and construct an aquatic, semi aquatic and land habitat aquarium
- 17.04 Describe the methods used in handling and feeding amphibians

22.0 Birds

The student will be able to:

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- 19.01 Describe the characteristics of birds
- 19.02 Compare and contrast the different orders of birds discussed
- 19.03 Describe methods used in handling and feeding birds
- 19.04 Describe the various housing and equipment needs of birds in captivity
- 19.05 Describe the various diseases and ailments of birds

20.0 Hedgehogs

The student will be able to:

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- 21.01 Recognize and describe the common types of hedgehogs
- 21.02 List common management practices for maintaining the health of hedgehogs
- 21.03 List the common diseases and ailments of hedgehogs

