



## Companion Animal Edu-Badge – Dog Intubation: Mentor guidance

### Choice of mentor/coach

The candidate should work with a trusted mentor in their veterinary clinic, who already has proficiency in canine intubation, to work through the learning.

As well as being a veterinarian, it is recommended that the trusted mentor/coach has some experience in successful mentoring and supervision. The skills recommended are:

- Ability to build rapport and relationships
- Be able to guide the learning in small steps, building the candidates confidence
- Be a good listener and intuitive to the candidates needs to develop their skill
- Be able to ask effective questions to help guide the learning
- Give constructive feedback on progress

### Learning guidance for candidate and mentor

The candidate should first use the learning resources provided to

1. learn the anatomy of the larynx
2. Understand normal anatomy so they can report whether it is normal or abnormal and needs a veterinarian to assess further
3. Understand the art and science of intubation and airway management

The mentor should check the candidate's theoretical knowledge on canine intubation before they move to a live patient. The verification has questions to help the mentor ascertain this.

Learning practically should be sequential and the candidate should gain proficiency at each step before progressing. The recommended steps for practical learning are:

1. Identifying throat anatomy and recording findings in relation to how it relates to intubation (at least 3).
2. Ensuring all the correct equipment is available and appropriate selecting the correct endotracheal tube diameter and length.
3. Intubation initially with close supervision, starting with normal mesocephalic dogs undergoing routine procedures, before progressing to more complex intubations. The number of intubations required for each candidate to be considered proficient will vary depending on the candidate.

The mentor will need to complete the verification. Once the verification is complete this will be submitted along with a video of the candidate completing the task and a reflection completed by the candidate.