

# BOTTLE GREEN TRAINING

## Assessor Meeting – October 2009

Thank you for submitting your student's portfolios for final verification, portfolios where yet again to a very high standard – well done.

Congratulations to all students who achieved level 2 and level 3 veterinary Nursing awards in the summer. BGT achieved outstanding results this year coming top in the country with a 97% pass rate for level 2 (the national average was 81%) and 87% for level 3. A big thank you to all involved with student training!

1. **Feedback from portfolios:**
  - tracking needs to be accurate
  - do not use simulations unless stated in occupational standards
  - Ensure that evidence meets the standards accurately – link between the PC's and scope
  - A wide of evidence types within each unit
2. **Summary sheets** – These must be used and submitted with the portfolios at reviews
3. **New tracking sheets on RCVS website** – all assessors who find them easier to understand can use these; they are not however, replacing the original ones.
4. **DART Newsletter** – will be circulating around all practices – please place on practice notice boards and ensure all students receive praise!
5. **Practical Examinations**
  - New OSCE tasks – hand washing and surgical
  - Revised old OSCE tasks – SP,SF,ST,ET,EP, EF and EM  
(There is a revision date on the bottom of all tasks that have changed, making it easier to track them).
  - If a student fails 6 out of the 8 OSCE tasks the RCVS will be investigating both the College provider and also the assessor and VNAC – the OSCE's are there to reflect the portfolio of competence!
6. **RVN CPD** - the RCVS would like to thank all nurses who submitted their CPD cards. The main outcome of the inspection was that -
  - All nurses achieved the required number of hours
  - The same process will be carried out again next year
  - RCVS will be stricter – any nurse who's CPD card has be requested and not sent to the RCVS will be removed from the register (unless a valid reason for not sending in the card is given)
  - Nurses will need to demonstrate a wide range of clinical ability within their CPD. (all behaviour or all surgical will not be acceptable!) Assessor must also demonstrate evidence of standardisation.
  - Evidence of certificates of attendance on the courses/meetings will also be requested.
6. **The Proposed New VN Award** - Dead line for suggestions and comments on the award is October the 30<sup>th</sup>.
7. **Autumn round of TP visits** – are already underway. Well done to the practices who received a visit from the EV, Alison Rengert. The feedback has been very rewarding.

8. **Portfolio – mid review dates** – level 2 is the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009  
 Level 3 is the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010

<b>Written Examinations</b>		<b>Practical Examinations</b>	
<b>Spring 2010</b>		<b>Spring 2010</b>	
<i>Closing date for entries</i>	22 <sup>nd</sup> January	<i>Closing date for entries</i>	5 <sup>th</sup> February
Appointment booking window	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb-19 <sup>th</sup> March	Examination	19-21 <sup>st</sup> March
Examination Window	W/C 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<u>Results published</u>	29 <sup>th</sup> April
<u>Results Published</u>	22 <sup>nd</sup> April		
<b>Summer 2010</b>		<b>Summer 2010</b>	
<i>Closing date for entries</i>	7 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Closing date for entries</i>	14 <sup>th</sup> May
Appointment booking window	7 <sup>th</sup> June – 2nd July	Examination	18-20 <sup>th</sup> June
Examination Window	W/C 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<u>Results published</u>	29 <sup>th</sup> July
<u>Results Published</u>	26 <sup>th</sup> August		
		<b>Autumn 2010</b>	
		<i>Closing date for entries</i>	13 <sup>th</sup> August
		Examination	17-19 <sup>th</sup> September
		<u>Results Published</u>	21 <sup>st</sup> October
		<b>Winter 2009</b>	
		<i>Closing date for entries</i>	6 <sup>th</sup> November
		Examination	11-13 <sup>th</sup> December
		<u>Results published</u>	W/C 21 <sup>st</sup> January

Closing dates for portfolios at BGT:

**Level 3 students** wishing to sit practical examinations need to complete their portfolio and have it finally verified and claimed for prior to entry for their exam.

Spring 2010 practical exam – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010

Summer 2010 practical exam – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Autumn 2010 practical exam – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2010

**Level 2 students** need to complete their portfolio prior to starting Level 3.

Closing date at BGT is 27<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

**Standardisation exercises –**

- Critique of a witness statement
- Matching evidence to the standards – critique of evidence and tracking
- Discuss collection of evidence for VetN12 – Dispense and administer veterinary medication