

Vet Ready™ Clinical Confidence Awards Evidence & Sign-Off Record



Use this document to record your progress and evidence when working towards a Vet Ready™ Clinical Confidence Award.

Clinical Confidence Awards are individual training pathways designed to prepare animals for specific veterinary or husbandry procedures. Training should be introduced gradually and progressed at a pace appropriate for the individual animal.

Each Clinical Confidence pathway is assessed separately. You may work towards one or more pathways.

Training fees are separate from the Vet Ready™ Assessment & Certification Fee. Training is available through personalised 1:1 sessions or block-booked husbandry training through The A.B.C.

PARTICIPANT & ANIMAL DETAILS

Guardian / Handler:

Animal Name:

Species:

- ☐ Dog
☐ Cat
☐ Other: _____

Age:

Date training commenced: _____

CLINICAL CONFIDENCE PATHWAY

Please tick the pathway you are working towards.

- ☐ Blood Sampling Confidence
- ☐ Temperature Check Confidence
- ☐ Vaccination & Injection Confidence
- ☐ Eye Care Confidence
- ☐ Ear Care Confidence
- ☐ Dental Care Confidence
- ☐ Nail Care Confidence

Pathway being submitted:

PART 1 - TRAINING PROGRESS

Use this section to record the development of the cooperative behaviour before submitting your evidence.

TRAINING PROGRESSION

- ☐ The behaviour has been introduced.
- ☐ The behaviour has been practised progressively.
- ☐ The animal is increasingly familiar with the behaviour.
- ☐ The behaviour has been practised across different sessions.
- ☐ The animal can communicate whether they wish to participate, pause or disengage.

- ☐ The guardian recognises and responds appropriately to the animal's communication.

Video evidence has been collected.

- ☐ The animal demonstrates an appropriate emotional state during training.
- ☐ The animal can recover appropriately following training or a small challenge.

TRAINING NOTES

PART 2 - VIDEO EVIDENCE

Video evidence should demonstrate the development and application of the trained cooperative behaviour.

Evidence should be collected across appropriate training sessions rather than relying on one highly rehearsed video.

VIDEO EVIDENCE 1

Date: _____

What does the video demonstrate?

Video/file
reference: _____

- ☐ Video evidence submitted

VIDEO EVIDENCE 2

Date: _____

What does the video demonstrate?

Video/file reference: _____

☐ Video evidence submitted

VIDEO EVIDENCE 3

Date: _____

What does the video demonstrate?

Video/file reference: _____

☐ Video evidence submitted

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

PART 3 - PATHWAY-SPECIFIC EVIDENCE

BLOOD SAMPLING CONFIDENCE

The animal should be prepared for cooperative positioning and handling associated

with blood sampling.

Evidence may demonstrate:

- ☐ Cooperative positioning.
- ☐ Maintaining the trained position for an appropriate duration.
- ☐ Cooperative handling of the relevant limb or area.
- ☐ Familiarity with appropriate positioning for the procedure.
- ☐ Ability to communicate a need for a pause or break.
- ☐ Appropriate emotional state.
- ☐ Appropriate recovery following handling.

VETERINARY OBSERVATION

The trained behaviour may be observed and signed off by a veterinary surgeon or veterinary nurse when the animal has a genuine clinical need for blood sampling.

An unnecessary blood sample should never be taken solely for the purpose of obtaining Vet Ready™ certification.

TEMPERATURE CHECK CONFIDENCE

The animal should be prepared for the handling and positioning associated with temperature assessment.

Evidence may demonstrate:

- ☐ Cooperative positioning.
- ☐ Familiarity with handling around the relevant area.
- ☐ Ability to maintain the required position appropriately.
- ☐ Cooperative participation in the relevant handling.

- ☐ Ability to communicate a need for a pause or break.
- ☐ Appropriate emotional state.
- ☐ Appropriate recovery following handling.

VETERINARY OBSERVATION

Where veterinary observation is required, the behaviour should be observed during a genuine clinical need for temperature assessment.

An unnecessary procedure should never be undertaken solely for certification.

VACCINATION & INJECTION CONFIDENCE

The animal should be prepared for the positioning and handling associated with vaccination or injection procedures.

Evidence may demonstrate:

- ☐ Cooperative positioning.
- ☐ Ability to maintain an appropriate position.
- ☐ Cooperative handling of the relevant area.
- ☐ Familiarity with brief preparation for the procedure.
- ☐ Ability to communicate a need for a pause or break.
- ☐ Appropriate emotional state.
- ☐ Appropriate recovery following handling.

VETERINARY OBSERVATION

The trained behaviour may be observed during a genuine vaccination or injection appointment where the procedure is clinically required.

An unnecessary injection or vaccination should never be arranged solely for the

purpose of obtaining Vet Ready™ certification.

EYE CARE CONFIDENCE

The animal should be prepared for cooperative handling associated with eye examination or eye care.

Evidence may demonstrate:

- ☐ Cooperative positioning.
- ☐ Familiarity with handling around the eye area.
- ☐ Ability to maintain an appropriate position.
- ☐ Cooperative participation in relevant handling.
- ☐ Ability to communicate a need for a pause or break.
- ☐ Appropriate emotional state.
- ☐ Appropriate recovery following handling.

EVIDENCE OPTIONS

Where the relevant eye-care behaviour can appropriately be demonstrated at home, video evidence may be submitted.

Where veterinary observation is required, this should take place during a genuine veterinary examination or clinical need.

EAR CARE CONFIDENCE

The animal should be prepared for cooperative handling associated with ear examination and care.

Evidence may demonstrate:

- ☐ Cooperative positioning.
- ☐ Familiarity with touching the ears.

- ☐ Lifting or moving the ear flap where appropriate.
- ☐ Cooperative participation in examination or preparation.
- ☐ Ability to communicate a need for a pause or break.
- ☐ Appropriate emotional state.
- ☐ Appropriate recovery following handling.

EVIDENCE OPTIONS

Where appropriate, training and evidence may be demonstrated at home.

Where veterinary observation is required, this should take place during a genuine veterinary examination or clinical need.

DENTAL CARE CONFIDENCE

The animal should be prepared for cooperative dental and oral care that can appropriately be carried out at home.

Evidence may demonstrate:

- ☐ Cooperative positioning.
- ☐ Voluntary participation in mouth handling.
- ☐ Lip lifting.
- ☐ Looking at the teeth.
- ☐ Familiarity with appropriate dental-care equipment where applicable.
- ☐ Progressive introduction of dental care.
- ☐ Ability to communicate a need for a pause or break.
- ☐ Appropriate emotional state.

- ☐ Appropriate recovery following handling.
- ☐ Cooperative participation in routine dental care.

EVIDENCE

Dental Care Confidence can be assessed using video evidence recorded at home.

Veterinary sign-off is not required for home-based dental care evidence.

The purpose of this pathway is to support cooperative participation in appropriate routine dental care at home. It does not replace veterinary dental examination, diagnosis or treatment.

NAIL CARE CONFIDENCE

The animal should be prepared for cooperative nail care.

Evidence may demonstrate:

- ☐ Cooperative positioning.
- ☐ Voluntary paw presentation.
- ☐ Cooperative handling of the paw.
- ☐ Familiarity with nail-care equipment.
- ☐ Progressive introduction of nail handling.
- ☐ Ability to communicate a need for a pause or break.
- ☐ Appropriate emotional state.
- ☐ Appropriate recovery following handling.
- ☐ Cooperative participation during nail care.

EVIDENCE OPTIONS:

AT HOME

The guardian may submit video evidence demonstrating the animal's cooperative participation during nail care.

AT A VETERINARY PRACTICE

If the guardian is not confident carrying out nail care themselves, the behaviour may be demonstrated during a genuine nail-care appointment with a veterinary surgeon or veterinary nurse.

The veterinary professional may then complete the observation and sign-off section of this document.

Veterinary observation should only take place when nail care is genuinely required. An unnecessary nail-care procedure should never be arranged solely for the purpose of obtaining Vet Ready™ certification.

PART 4 - VETERINARY OBSERVATION & SIGN-OFF WHEN VETERINARY SIGN-OFF IS REQUIRED

Veterinary observation is required where the relevant Clinical Confidence pathway specifies that the trained behaviour must be demonstrated during a veterinary procedure.

For some husbandry pathways, such as Nail Care Confidence, veterinary observation may also be used where the guardian is not confident carrying out the procedure themselves.

Veterinary observation should only take place when the animal has a genuine clinical or husbandry need for the relevant procedure or handling.

Guardians should never arrange or undertake an unnecessary veterinary procedure solely to obtain Vet Ready™ certification.

Where the relevant procedure is genuinely required, the veterinary surgeon or veterinary nurse may observe the animal's trained cooperative behaviour as part of the normal appointment.

The veterinary professional is confirming that the trained behaviour was observed during a genuine procedure or clinical activity. They are not awarding Vet Ready™ certification.

IMPORTANT

The aim is to prepare animals for veterinary care when it is needed – never to create an unnecessary procedure for the purpose of assessment.

VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL OBSERVATION

Clinical Confidence pathway:

Date of appointment:

Veterinary practice:

Veterinary professional:

ROLE

- ☐ Veterinary Surgeon
- ☐ Registered Veterinary Nurse
- ☐ Other appropriate veterinary professional:

PLEASE CONFIRM WHAT WAS OBSERVED

- ☐ The animal had a genuine clinical or husbandry need for the relevant procedure.
- ☐ I observed the animal during the relevant procedure or clinical activity.
- ☐ The animal demonstrated the trained cooperative behaviour.
- ☐ The trained behaviour was demonstrated during the relevant clinical activity.
- ☐ The animal's communication was appropriately recognised and responded to.
- ☐ No unnecessary procedure was undertaken for the purpose of certification.

VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Veterinary professional name:

Signature:

Date:

PART 5 - MEMBER SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Before submitting your Clinical Confidence pathway, please check:

- ☐ I have completed the relevant training.
- ☐ I have worked through the behaviour progressively.
- ☐ I have collected appropriate video evidence.
- ☐ My evidence demonstrates the required cooperative behaviour.
- ☐ My evidence demonstrates appropriate communication and participation.
- ☐ I have considered my animal's emotional state throughout training.
- ☐ I have completed the relevant pathway-specific section.
- ☐ Veterinary sign-off has been obtained where required.
- ☐ I have not arranged an unnecessary veterinary procedure solely to obtain certification.
- ☐ I have included all relevant supporting evidence with my submission.

SUBMISSION

Once you have completed the relevant Clinical Confidence pathway and collected the required evidence:

1. Complete this Evidence & Sign-Off Record.
2. Upload your supporting video evidence.
3. Include veterinary sign-off where the pathway requires veterinary observation.
4. Submit your completed evidence for review.
5. Pay the £45 Clinical Confidence Assessment & Certification Fee for the pathway being assessed.

Each Clinical Confidence pathway is assessed separately and requires its own assessment and certification fee.

If further evidence is required, you will be advised which elements require additional

evidence before certification can be awarded.

WELFARE & ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

Vet Ready™ Clinical Confidence Awards are designed to evaluate cooperative participation, not forced compliance.

Assessment should take account of the animal's communication, emotional state and ability to cope. If an animal shows signs of fear, distress, pain or a need to disengage, training or assessment should be paused or adapted where necessary.

An animal does not need to perform a behaviour at all costs in order to achieve certification.

Clinical Confidence training does not override an animal's need to communicate discomfort. Veterinary professionals should always consider the animal's physical and emotional state and adapt their approach where necessary.

Vet Ready™ Assessor Assessment

Pathway assessed _____

Evidence reviewed:

• Training progression demonstrated

• Required cooperative behaviour demonstrated

• Video evidence sufficient

• Communication and choice demonstrated

• Appropriate emotional state demonstrated

• Handler responsiveness demonstrated

• Veterinary observation/sign-off completed where required

• All required evidence submitted

Assessment outcome

☐ Criteria met - Clinical Confidence Certification approved

☐ Further evidence required

If further evidence is required, please identify the specific area(s):

Assessor comments

Assessor name: _____

Date: _____

Assessment reference: _____

Certification

☐ Vet Ready™ Clinical Confidence Award certified

Certification date: _____