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Before you begin

What this is

9 practice questions for Professional Animal Care Certification Council (PACCC) CPACP , each with its answer key and an explanation. Answer a question before you read its key — the explanation is worth more once you have committed.

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QUESTION 1

SINGLE CHOICE

A boarded dog in your facility is showing low body posture, tucked tail, ears flattened back, and is lifting one paw repeatedly while a new person approaches. What is the most accurate interpretation of this body language?

- ☐ A The dog is excited and offering a play bow to invite interaction.
- ☒ B The dog is displaying appeasement and stress signals indicating fear or anxiety.
- ☐ C The dog is showing dominance aggression toward the approaching person.
- ☐ D The dog is relaxed and indicating it wants to be petted.

ANSWER B

WHY Low body posture, tucked tail, flattened ears, and a lifted paw are classic appeasement/stress signals in dogs, indicating fear or anxiety rather than play, aggression, or relaxation. Recognizing these signals helps staff adjust handling to reduce stress.

QUESTION 2

SINGLE CHOICE

Which of the following diseases is required by most state and local regulations to be vaccinated against before a dog can be admitted to a boarding or daycare facility?

- ☐ A Lyme disease
- ☒ B Rabies
- ☐ C Parainfluenza
- ☐ D Leptospirosis

ANSWER B

WHY Rabies vaccination is required by law for dogs in most jurisdictions and is the only vaccine universally mandated for boarding facilities. Core vaccines such as rabies protect public health, while diseases like Lyme and Leptospirosis are risk-based and not universally required.

QUESTION 3

SINGLE CHOICE

When disinfecting kennel surfaces between animal occupants, what is the correct order of operations?

- ☐ A Disinfect, then rinse, then dry.
- ☒ B Dry clean, then disinfect, then rinse if required by the product label.
- ☐ C Rinse, then dry clean, then disinfect.
- ☐ D Disinfect only; rinsing and drying are not necessary.

ANSWER B

WHY Surfaces must first be cleaned of organic debris so the disinfectant can contact pathogens; then disinfectant is applied according to label contact time, followed by a rinse only if the product label requires it. Disinfectants are inactivated by organic matter, so cleaning must precede disinfection.

QUESTION 4

SINGLE CHOICE

A cat in your care suddenly collapses, and you cannot feel a heartbeat or see breathing. You are alone. What should you do first?

- ☒ A Begin chest compressions at a rate of 100–120 per minute and give rescue breaths.
- ☐ B Call your veterinarian and wait for instructions before doing anything.
- ☐ C Administer water by mouth to prevent dehydration.
- ☐ D Place the cat in a carrier and transport to the nearest veterinary clinic.

ANSWER A

WHY When an animal is unresponsive with no heartbeat or breathing, immediate CPR is required, with chest compressions at 100–120 per minute combined with rescue breaths. Calling and waiting, giving water, or transporting an unresponsive animal delays life-saving care.

QUESTION 5

SINGLE CHOICE

A long-term boarding dog is fed a maintenance diet. Which feeding practice is most appropriate for adult dogs on a maintenance diet?

- ☐ A Feed once daily in the evening only.
- ☒ B Feed measured amounts on a consistent schedule, typically once or twice daily.
- ☐ C Allow free-choice feeding with food available at all times.
- ☐ D Feed only every other day to prevent obesity.

ANSWER B

WHY Adult dogs on a maintenance diet are typically fed measured portions once or twice daily on a consistent schedule, which helps maintain healthy weight and digestion. Free-choice feeding often leads to obesity, while skipping days is not a recognized feeding protocol.

QUESTION 6

SINGLE CHOICE

Which handling approach is recommended when introducing a new cat to a multi-cat boarding group?

- ☐ A Place the new cat immediately into the shared colony room to encourage socialization.
- ☒ B House the new cat in a separate quarantine area for a health and behavior adjustment period before any group introduction.
- ☐ C Introduce the new cat only at feeding time to distract the resident cats.
- ☐ D Allow the new cat to roam freely and find its own space among the resident cats.

ANSWER B

WHY New cats should be housed separately for a health/behavior adjustment period to prevent disease transmission and reduce stress. Direct, unsupervised introduction into a colony increases risk of illness spread and conflict.

QUESTION 7

SINGLE CHOICE

An owner asks you to keep their dog in a crate for the entire two-week boarding stay because 'he likes his crate.' What is the most appropriate professional response?

- ☐ A Comply without question because the owner knows their pet best.
- ☒ B Explain that prolonged crating is not in the dog's best welfare interest and propose an alternative plan with exercise and social interaction.
- ☐ C Ignore the request and let the dog run loose in the playgroup.
- ☐ D Refuse service and tell the owner to find another facility.

ANSWER B

WHY PACCC standards emphasize animal welfare and professional communication. Caregivers should educate owners when requests conflict with welfare standards and offer alternatives rather than simply complying or refusing service.

QUESTION 8

SINGLE CHOICE

Which cleaning product class is generally considered effective and appropriate for routine kennel disinfection when used according to label directions?

- ☐ A Household ammonia in concentrated form.
- ☒ B EPA-registered quaternary ammonium compounds labeled for animal housing.
- ☐ C Concentrated bleach applied at full strength without dilution.
- ☐ D Perfumed household glass cleaner.

ANSWER B

WHY EPA-registered quaternary ammonium compounds labeled for use in animal facilities are appropriate, effective disinfectants when used per label. Household ammonia, undiluted bleach, and glass cleaner are not appropriate routine kennel disinfectants.

QUESTION 9

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Which of the following are clinical signs that should prompt immediate isolation and notification of a veterinarian in a boarding facility? (Choose two.)

- ☒ **A** Acute vomiting and diarrhea in a previously healthy dog.
- ☒ **B** Persistent coughing or nasal discharge in a cat.
- ☐ **C** Normal play after nap time.
- ☐ **D** Slight ear wax visible on routine inspection.

ANSWER **A • B**

WHY Acute vomiting/diarrhea and persistent respiratory signs (coughing, nasal discharge) can indicate infectious disease and warrant isolation and veterinary notification. Normal post-nap play and minor ear wax are not signs of contagious illness.