

WRITING SUB-TEST – TEST BOOKLET

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

You must write your answer for the Writing sub-test in the **Writing Answer Booklet**.

You must **NOT** remove OET material from the test room.

Occupational English Test

WRITING SUB-TEST: VETERINARY SCIENCE

TIME ALLOWED: READING TIME: 5 MINUTES

WRITING TIME: 40 MINUTES

Read the case notes and complete the writing task which follows.

Notes:

Assume that today's date is 30 August 2019

You are a veterinarian at a local veterinary clinic in Stillwater. You see Mr Rushall's cat, 'Moby', annually for vaccinations.

Owner: Mr Dominic Rushall
Residence: 3218 Greenvally Road, Stillwater
Patient: 'Moby'
Species: Cat
Breed/colour: Domestic short hair/white
Age: 3 years
Sex: Male neuter
Wt: 4.5kg
Home situation: Mainly outdoors; another cat in household
Food: Dry food only

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Patient history: Vaccinations – last in 2017
Parasite control – flea control, no de-worming
Microchipped

Reason for presentation:

Owner noticed bad breath, salivating
Difficulty eating
Some weight loss

Examination: Severe gingivitis
Pharynx inflamed
Several loose teeth

Diagnosis: Stomatitis and gingivitis

Treatment: Procedure: dental – scale & polish, four extractions
Medications: Amoxicillin 50mg p.o. b.i.d. oral 7 days, prednisolone (anti-inflammatory dose) 5 days
Education of owner: teeth brushing, diet
Review in 2 wks

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- Progress:** Owner says improvement small – eating better, ↑ appetite
Diarrhoea noticed, ↓ weight, seems ‘not himself’
- Examination:** Mouth – cleaner
Stomatitis – slightly improved, gingivitis – improved
Weight ↓, now <4kg
Complete blood test panel, including feline leukemia virus (FeLV) and feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV)
Results: slightly anaemic, moderately ↑ white blood cell (WBC), FeLV(-), FIV(+)
- Diagnosis:** Feline immunodeficiency virus positive, secondary infections
- Treatment:** Clavulox (amoxicillin, clavulanic acid) 62.5mg p.o. b.i.d. for 14 days
Discussions re long-term prognosis, how to care for cat; watch for other infections; keep cat indoors – ↓ chance virus spread
- Discussion:** Recommendations: test the other cat in household
Owner wishes for second opinion – refer to specialist

Writing Task:

Using the information given in the case notes, write a letter of referral to Dr Coelho, a veterinary specialist at Stillwater Small Animal Hospital, for confirmation of your diagnosis. Address the letter to Dr Victoria Coelho, Veterinary Specialist, Stillwater Small Animal Hospital, 72 Main Street, Stillwater.

In your answer:

- **Expand the relevant notes into complete sentences**
- **Do not use note form**
- **Use letter format**

The body of the letter should be approximately 180–200 words.

Any answers recorded here will not be marked.

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Occupational English Test

WRITING SUB-TEST: VETERINARY SCIENCE SAMPLE RESPONSE: LETTER OF REFERRAL

Dr Victoria Coelho
Veterinary Specialist
Stillwater Small Animal Hospital
72 Main Street
Stillwater

30 August 2019

Dear Dr Coelho

Re: 'Moby'

Thank you for seeing Mr Rushall's cat 'Moby', a three-year-old neutered white domestic male cat, which has tested positive for feline immunodeficiency virus. I am referring the cat to you for confirmation of the diagnosis, as Mr Rushall has requested a second opinion.

The infection was discovered after the cat presented on 16 August with severe gingivitis, stomatitis, an inflamed pharynx and several loose teeth which required descaling, amoxicillin and prednisolone. On review after two weeks, only a small improvement has been noted and the owner has also noticed diarrhoea and further weight loss.

The results of a complete blood test panel show the cat is slightly anaemic, with an increase in white blood cell count, and is positive for FIV. I have diagnosed Moby with feline immunodeficiency virus with secondary infections.

The cat has been prescribed Clavulox for two weeks for the current infections and the long-term prognosis was discussed with the owner. Mr Rushall was educated regarding care for the cat and given advice on how to look for other infections. To reduce the chances of spreading the virus, I have recommended that Moby be kept indoors and that the other cat in the household be tested.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information on this case.

Yours sincerely

Vet