**High Plains Technology Center**

**Health Careers**

**Learning Activity Packet (LAP) for Veterinary Assistants**

**Related unit of instruction:**

Surgical Procedures for the Veterinary Assistant

**Approximate Completion time:**

30 hours

**Rationale for the Lap:**

This LAP is designed to prepare the student to manage a surgical patient in a veterinary clinic.

**Criteria for successful completion:**

By the end of this LAP the student will

1. Read and turn in work sheets for Chapter 9 in Sirois’ *Veterinary Assisting Textbook*, Workbook and text, Elsevier, 2013.
2. Pass the test for the chapter

**Learning Objective:**

Anesthesia and Surgical Assisting Chapter 9

1. Describe and explain surgical terminology.
2. Discuss principles of aseptic technique.
3. Give examples of methods used to disinfect or sterilize surgical instruments and supplies.
4. Describe procedures for preparing the surgical site and surgical team.
5. Identify surgical instruments and explain their uses and maintenance.
6. Compare and contrast types of suture needles and suture materials.
7. Define the role of veterinary staff members in anesthesia and perioperative pain management.
8. Describe the equipment used for anesthetizing animals.