

Quality Assurance Activities

Practicing Injections

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Learning Objectives:

- Needle sizes and when to use them

What you will need:

- Needles of different sizes (14 gauge, 18 gauge, 33 gauge)

Needle Size:

The youth will learn the different sizes of needles.

Gather different sizes of sterile needles. I used a 14 gauge, 18 gauge, and 33 gauge needles.

On a sheet of paper or poster board, write: “Which needle would *you* prefer to get a shot with? *List needle sizes.* A. 14 gauge. B. 18 gauge. C. 33 gauge.” Don’t show the youth the actual needles yet.

Ask the group which needle they would rather get a shot with. Have the youth raise their hands on which needle they would use. Talk about why they chose that needle size. This is a good time to show the needles and talk about gauge versus the size of the needle.

The kids who chose a 14 gauge needle may want to change their mind to a bigger gauge. How does this affect your animal’s comfort? Why would we need to use a larger needle (i.e. viscous medicine)? This is also a good time to talk about the length of the needle. Would you prefer a big, short needle or a long, skinny needle?

