

VETERINARY HEALTH CENTER at KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICIAL PROTOCOL

HOSPITAL SANITATION

The VHC requires a maximum degree of cleanliness and orderliness. Each VHC section has a conference room used by students, house officers, and faculty. These areas serve as a study/work area for students assigned to that section. It is the student's responsibility to keep these conference rooms tidy. Students are responsible for the appearance of assigned areas at all times. Examination tables and receiving areas should be cleaned after each case.

Reminder: These areas are visited by campus guests and other visitors on a fairly regular basis.

Unless specifically ordered to do so by a faculty member, do NOT take animals out of the hospital. Exercise dogs only in the designated fenced area north of emergency entrance. Students will clean up feces and place it in the plastic container provided near the entrance door.

Veterinary students assigned to a particular case, operation, or technique will be responsible for hospital sanitation under the direction of a house officer or faculty member. These student assignments will be evaluated as part of the block grade. It is expected that the house officers will take the lead in providing a good example of cleanliness and orderliness.

- A. Wear proper footwear and clothing. Sections will designate footwear to be worn in specific areas. Protective boots worn in large animal areas should not be worn outside the large animal area. Boots and other special clothing worn in the surgical areas should not be worn outside of these areas without protective covering. Be particularly aware of transporting manure or other refuse (on your clothing or equipment) from one area of the Hospital to another.
- B. Boots worn in large animal areas should be washed regularly and whenever soiled. Boots should always be washed prior to and after farm visits. Boots and other clothing worn on farms with infectious disease must be washed and sanitized prior to or immediately upon returning to the VHC.
- C. Placing debris, manure, and paper in the appropriate container. Tissue (hoof parts, horns, excised skin and other tissue, placentae) is to be placed in the outgoing necropsy cooler.
- D. Clean work areas by hosing and scrubbing. Splattered blood or manure must be removed from walls and fixtures as soon as surgery or treatment procedure is completed.
- E. Maintain items of restraint. Ropes and casting harnesses are to be properly cleansed and hung in the tack rooms. Chutes, stocks and tables must be scrubbed after each use and kept completely assembled. Do not leave parts and side boards lying around loose.
- F. Cleanse instruments/equipment and check them back in to Central Preparation. BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that scalpel blades are removed from handles, towel clamps are closed, and no hypodermic needles are left in instrument packs. Scalpel blades, disposable hypodermic and surgical needles should be placed in the Sharp receptacle. Broken glass is

to be placed in the appropriate box for disposal.

- G. Rinse bloody surgery drapes and gowns in cold water. Return to Central Preparation.
- H. Return treatment carts, brooms, equipment, etc., in a clean condition, to their proper location.

REVIEWED 5/10/18, VHC Director