

LANAUX3

Maintain clinical environments in a veterinary practice



Overview

This standard is about preparing and maintaining clinical environments, including examination rooms and ensuring that equipment and materials are available.

This standard is suitable for lay members of veterinary practice staff working under the direction of qualified veterinary staff.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 clean and prepare examination rooms and other clinical environments for use according to the veterinary services being delivered, which could include:
 - P1.1. examination
 - P1.2. sample collection
 - P1.3. fluid therapy
 - P1.4. medication
 - P1.5. applying dressings and bandages
 - P1.6. diagnostic procedures
 - P2 check that the environmental conditions are suitable for the animal and the medical procedure or investigation, including:
 - P2.1. levels of light
 - P2.2. temperature
 - P2.3. ventilation
 - P2.4. noise
 - P3 ensure the correct levels of veterinary materials are maintained, including:
 - P3.1. sterile supplies
 - P3.2. consumables
 - P4 regularly check the condition of veterinary materials and equipment in terms of:
 - P4.1. expiry dates
 - P4.2. level of deterioration
 - P4.3. quantity
 - P4.4. damage
 - P4.5. schedule
 - P4.6. storage requirements
 - P5 dispose of surplus and waste materials according to veterinary practice procedures
 - P6 report any problems to the appropriate person
 - P7 comply with health and safety regulations and guidelines at all times
 - P8 follow infection control protocols while working in clinical environments

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 how to prepare clinical environments, equipment and materials for medical procedures and investigations
- K2 the environmental conditions required for medical procedures and investigations and how to adjust them
- K3 the type of equipment and materials used for medical procedures and investigations and the required stock level
- K4 the reasons why it is important to ask for guidance from qualified veterinary staff
- K5 how to deal with problems that may occur, including faults with equipment and supply problems with materials and the appropriate person to inform
- K6 infection control procedures
- K7 the surplus and waste materials that should be disposed of and how should each type should be dealt with
- K8 why private areas should be kept secure
- K9 relevant health and safety legislation

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