







7. Laboratory facilities

- i. A separate area with adequate bench and shelf space
- ii. A refrigerator for the storage of laboratory requirements and samples as appropriate and which may be used for the storage of restricted substances
- iii. Facilities for the simple examination of blood, serum, urine and faecal specimens in addition to demonstrable access and usage of a professional service in haematology, chemistry, bacteriology, parasitology and pathology if these services are not carried out on premises

8. Radiology facilities

- i. Radiographic equipment and facilities for the taking, processing and viewing of radiographs and capable of producing radiographs of diagnostic quality appropriate to the range and size of animals seen at the hospital
- ii. Radiographs identified with the name of the practitioner or hospital, client, animal, date and identifying the left and/or right sides of the animal
- iii. Appropriate licences held for equipment and persons taking radiographs as required by the relevant legislation
- iv. Personal monitoring dosimeter must be issued to persons working in equine veterinary radiography and should be issued to all occupationally exposed persons

9. Patient accommodation

- i. Facilities must be adequate in number and size for the species of animals to be individually accommodated
- ii. Constructed of solid impervious material free from rust, readily cleaned and disinfected, adequately drained and maintained in sanitary condition so as to ensure comfort
- iii. Equipped with adequate lighting, heating and/or cooling, ventilation and soundproofing for patient comfort and as required by other relevant legislation
- iv. Processes for the safe and secure exercising and toileting of patients and which are appropriate for the number and species of animals seen at the hospital
- v. Facilities for the storage and preparation of food for consumption by animals and this area must be separated from other areas of the hospital, be fit for veterinary use and be capable of being easily cleaned and disinfected

10. Disease Control areas

- i. Patient accommodation compliant with general requirements and available for isolating animals that are suffering from suspected infectious diseases providing a physical and air space difference from all other areas of the hospital so as to prevent the spread of disease to those other areas
- ii. There must be a written infection control plan based on current standards for personal biosecurity and including coverage of personal protective actions and equipment, protective actions during veterinary procedures, environmental infection control, and employee health
- iii. Contaminated surgical procedures and necropsies performed under strict disease control conditions in a dedicated area

11. Amenities

- i. Office facilities convenient to staff and clients
- ii. A library containing up-to-date reference material in either hard or soft copy and including access to internet based resources which cover the range of animals and conditions seen at the hospital.