

**WAC 246-933-330 Minimum physical facilities.** All veterinary medical facilities in which animals are received for medical, surgical or prophylactic treatment shall have the following minimum facilities, but are not limited to only these facilities:

(1) **Reception room and office:** Or a combination of the two.

(2) **Examination room:** Should be separate but may be combined with a room having a related function, such as a pharmacy or laboratory. It must be of sufficient size to accommodate the veterinarian, patient and client.

Examination tables shall have impervious surfaces. Waste receptacles shall be lined, covered or in a closed compartment, and properly maintained. A sink with clean or disposable towels must be within easy access.

(3) **Surgery:** If surgery is performed, a separate and distinct area so situated as to keep contamination and infection to a minimum; provided, however, a separate and distinct room so situated as to keep contamination and infection to a minimum shall be required.

(4) **Laboratory:** Shall be either in the facility or through consultative facilities, adequate to render diagnostic information.

(5) **Radiology:** Facilities for diagnostic radiography shall be available either on or off the premises. The facilities shall meet federal and Washington state protective requirements and be capable of producing good quality diagnostic radiographs.

(6) **Animal housing areas:** Any veterinary medical facility confining animals shall have individual cages, pens, exercise areas or stalls to confine said animals in a comfortable, sanitary and safe manner.

Cages and stalls shall be of impervious material and of adequate size to assure patient comfort and sanitation.

Runs and exercise pens shall be of a size to allow patient comfort and exercise. Runs and exercise pens shall provide and allow effective separation of adjacent animals and their waste products, and shall be constructed in such a manner as to protect against escape or injury. Floors of runs shall be of impervious material.

Animals that are hospitalized for treatment of contagious diseases shall be isolated in such a manner as to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

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