

## INTERPRETATION

<b>ADR</b>	Adverse Drug Reactions.
<b>ARR</b>	Animal Remedies Regulations.
<b>ALARA</b>	As low as is reasonably achievable.
<b>Authorised Officer</b>	An officer appointed under section 124 of the Act.
<b>CA</b>	Companion animal.
<b>CCS</b>	Cold chemical sterilisation.
<b>Certificate of Suitability (COS)</b>	This is the official certificate which confirms that the premises is registered with the Veterinary Council in accordance with section 109 of the Act 2005, it identifies the classification of premises to which the Certificate applies and the name of the Certificate holder.
<b>Client</b>	The owner or authorised carer of the animal.
<b>EPA</b>	Environmental Protection Agency
<b>EQ</b>	Equine animal.
<b>FA</b>	Farm animal.
<b>HPRA</b>	Health Products Regulatory Authority
<b>MAR</b>	Mandatory Additional Requirement – core additional requirements.

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<b>MMR</b>	Mandatory Minimum Requirement - core requirements.
<b>Patient</b>	The animal.
<b>Registered Person</b>	A person registered under Part 4 or Part 8 of the Act.
<b>RMVU</b>	<p>A Registered Mobile Veterinary Unit (RMVU) is a mobile unit appropriately equipped and registered with the Veterinary Council of Ireland at which one or more registered veterinary practitioners practise veterinary medicine.</p> <p><u>Its primary purpose is to provide a veterinary service to the public in remote areas where no other service is available.</u></p> <p>In addition, a RMVU must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be associated with a Registered Veterinary Clinic (RVC) or a Registered Veterinary Hospital (RVH).</li> <li>2. Have a separate Certificate of Suitability (COS) for each location where the service is being offered. <u>Each location chosen must in particular be suitable for public access, health and safety and biosecurity.</u></li> <li>3. Submit a schedule of locations, consultation days and hours of attendance to the Council.</li> </ol>
<b>RVC</b>	A Registered Veterinary Clinic (RVC) is a permanent premises, at a fixed location, registered with the Veterinary Council of Ireland at, and from which, one or more registered veterinary practitioners practise veterinary medicine. A RVC provides facilities for veterinary examination of animals and the carrying out of routine diagnostic, prophylactic and medical and surgery procedures. If animals are housed overnight

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	<p>appropriate arrangements shall be made for patient monitoring.</p> <p><u>All clinics newly constructed or redeveloped from 01/01/18 must have a minimum of 4 rooms and a toilet. These are to include an office/reception/waiting room, an examination room, a treatment/procedure room and an inpatient room.</u></p>
<b>RVP</b>	<p>A Registered Veterinary Practice (RVP) is a premises registered with the Veterinary Council of Ireland from which one or more registered veterinary practitioners practise veterinary medicine on animals at a farm or other location removed from the RVP. <u>Animals <b>MUST NOT</b> be seen at the Premises. This does not exclude the emergency treatment in an exceptional case. This does not exclude the emergency treatment of animals at the RVP. If accredited as an RVP, animals <b>MUST NOT</b> be seen at the premises.</u></p>
<b>RVH</b>	<p>A Registered Veterinary Hospital (RVH) is a permanent premises, at a fixed location, registered with the Veterinary Council of Ireland at, and from which, one or more registered veterinary practitioners practise veterinary medicine. A RVH provides facilities for the hospitalisation of animals with 24-hour care, provided by a registered person as necessary, and offers a range of surgical, medical and diagnostic techniques. <u>The RVH should have a multi-disciplinary team of registered veterinary practitioners, registered veterinary nurses and if appropriate registered veterinary specialists to deliver the service required as dictated by the hospital's case load.</u> The category of animals treated at the Hospital is indicated by the appropriate suffix (Companion Animals – CA, Equine – EQ or Food Animal – FA).</p>
<b>SOPO</b>	<p>Scope of practice options - additional options available to expand the range of veterinary services offered at the premises.</p>
<b>The Act</b>	<p>The Veterinary Practice Act 2005, including the Veterinary Practice Amendment Act 2012.</p>
<b>Veterinary Nursing Care</b>	<p>The care provided by a person registered under Part 8 of the Act and acting in compliance with the definition of veterinary nursing in Section</p>

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	91 of the 2012 Act.
<b>Veterinary Premises</b>	"veterinary premises" includes any place where the practice of veterinary medicine by a registered person occurs, including an ambulance or other vehicle equipped to facilitate such practice.
<b>VPA</b>	Veterinary Product Authorisation.

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## INTRODUCTION

- All classifications must have the 9 core Mandatory Minimum Requirements (MMR);
- A RVC, RMVU and RVH have Mandatory Additional Requirements (MAR);
- Certain services referred to as Scope of Practice Options (SOPO) may be offered at a RVP or RVC or RMVU. If they are offered, the relevant standard applies in its entirety;
- If a premises is accredited as a RVH, all standards apply in their entirety;
- "X (n/a)" denotes that this standard does not apply under this classification.

Number	Standard	RVP	RVC	RMVU	RVH
1	<u>Equipment &amp; Services &amp; Equipment</u>	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)
2	Records	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)
3	Health & Safety	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)
4	Pharmacy	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)
5	Biosecurity	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)
6	PME & Carcase Disposal	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)
7	Vehicle	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)
8	Library	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MMR)
9	<u>Office/Reception/Waiting Room area.</u>	✓ (MMR) <i>Office only</i>	✓ (MMR)	✓ (MAR)	✓ (MMR)
10	Premises External	X (n/a)	✓ (MAR)	✓ (MAR)	✓ (MAR)
11	Examination	X (n/a)	✓ (MAR)	✓ (MAR)	✓ (MAR)

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	<u>Room/Area</u>				
12	Treatment/ <u>Procedure Room/Area</u>	X (n/a)	✓ (MAR)	✓ (MAR)	✓ (MAR)
13	In-Patient <u>Room &amp; Facilities</u>	X (n/a)	✓ ( <u>(MAR CA)</u> <u>—(SOPO)</u> )	✓ ( <u>(MAR CA)</u> <u>—(SOPO)</u> )	✓ (MAR)
14	Food Storage & Preparation	X (n/a)	✓ ( <u>(MAR CA)</u> <u>—(SOPO)</u> )	✓ ( <u>(MAR CA)</u> <u>(SOPO)</u> )	✓ (MAR)
15	Anaesthesia and Recovery	X (n/a)	✓ ( <u>(MAR CA)</u> <u>(SOPO)</u> )	✓ ( <u>(MAR CA)</u> <u>—(SOPO)</u> )	✓ (MAR)
16	Surgery	X (n/a)	✓ (SOPO)	✓ (SOPO)	✓ (MAR)
17	Laboratory	✓ (SOPO)	✓ (SOPO)	✓ (SOPO)	✓ (MAR)
18	Radiography & Diagnostic Imaging	✓ (SOPO)	✓ (SOPO)	✓ (SOPO)	✓ (MAR)

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## REGISTERED VETERINARY PRACTICE (RVP)

DEFINITION	PAS STANDARDS
<p>A Registered Veterinary Practice (RVP) is a premises registered with the Veterinary Council of Ireland from which one or more registered veterinary practitioners practise veterinary medicine on animals at a farm or other location removed from the RVP.</p> <p><del>This does not exclude the emergency treatment of animals at the RVP. If accredited as a RVP, animals MUST NOT be seen at the premises. Animals <b>MUST NOT</b> be seen at the Premises. This does not exclude emergency treatment in an exceptional case.</del></p>	<p><i>All premises must conform to the Mandatory Minimum Requirements. Certain services (Scope of Practice Options) may be offered from a RVP. If they are offered, the relevant standards apply.</i></p> <p><b>MANDATORY MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:</b> -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- <del>Equipment &amp; Services</del> <b>Equipment</b></li> <li>2 - Records</li> <li>3 - Health &amp; Safety</li> <li>4 - Pharmacy</li> <li>5 - Biosecurity (5.3, 5.8 not APP)</li> <li>6 - PME &amp; Carcase Disposal</li> <li>7 - Vehicle</li> <li>8 - Library</li> <li>9 - Office (9.1,9.2,9.3 only)</li> </ul> <p><b>SCOPE OF PRACTICE OPTIONS:</b> -</p> <p><i>Certain services (Scope of Practice Options) may be offered from a RVP. If they are offered, the relevant standards apply.</i></p> <p><i>Clinical Pathology (may be provided by and RVP i.e. samples collected at clients' premises and processed at practice laboratory).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17 - Laboratory (N.B. 17.6 RVH only)</li> </ul> <p><i>Diagnostic Imaging (may be provided by a RVP at remote locations e.g. farm, stables)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18 - Diagnostic Imaging (N.B. 18.5 RVH only)</li> </ul>

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## REGISTERED VETERINARY CLINIC

### (RVC)

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## REGISTERED VETERINARY HOSPITAL

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## REGISTERED MOBILE VETERINARY UNIT

### (RMVU)

DEFINITION	PAS STANDARDS
<p>A Registered Mobile Veterinary Unit (RMVU) is a mobile unit appropriately equipped and be registered with the Veterinary Council of Ireland at which, one or more registered veterinary practitioners practise veterinary medicine.</p> <p><u>Its primary purpose is to provide a veterinary service to the public in remote areas where no other service is available.</u></p> <p>In addition, A RMVU must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be associated with a Registered Veterinary Clinic (RVC) or a Registered Veterinary Hospital (RVH).</li> <li>2. Have a separate Certificate of Suitability (COS) for each location where the service is being offered. <u>Each location chosen must be in particular suitable for public access, health and safety and biosecurity.</u></li> <li>3. Submit a schedule of locations, consultation days and hours of attendance to the Council.</li> </ol>	<p><i>All premises must conform to the Mandatory Minimum Requirements and a RMVU must also conform to Mandatory Additional Requirements. Certain services (Scope of Practice Options) may be offered from a RMVU. If they are offered, the relevant standards apply.</i></p> <p><u>MANDATORY MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:</u> -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - <del>Equipment &amp; Services</del> <u>&amp; Equipment</u></li> <li>2 - Records</li> <li>3 - Health &amp; Safety</li> <li>4 - Pharmacy</li> <li>5 - Biosecurity</li> <li>6 - PME &amp; Carcase Disposal</li> <li>7 - Vehicle</li> <li>8 - Library</li> </ol> <p><u>MANDATORY ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:</u> -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 - Office/<u>Reception</u>/Waiting Area</li> <li>10 - Premises External</li> <li>11 - Examination Room/<del>Area</del></li> <li>12 - Treatment/Procedure Room/<del>Area</del></li> <li>13 - In-Patient <u>Room and</u> Facilities</li> <li>14 - Food Storage &amp; Preparation</li> <li>15 - Anaesthesia and Recovery</li> </ol> <p><u>SCOPE OF PRACTICE OPTIONS:</u> -</p> <p><i>Certain services (Scope of Practice Options) may be offered at or from a RMVC, if they are offered the relevant standards apply.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16 - Surgery</li> <li>17 - Laboratory</li> <li>18 - Radiography &amp; Diagnostic Imaging (NB 18.15 RVH only)</li> </ol>

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**STANDARD 1 – SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT**

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1.1	<p><del>Veterinary practitioners who find it difficult to provide a 24-hour service, they should co-ordinate arrangements for the treatment of emergency cases, or even all-out-of-hours cases, so that clients can obtain help from some other member of the profession with whom prior arrangements have been made and who is sufficiently close at hand to be able to provide services for the client.</del></p> <p><u>All Registered Veterinary Practitioners must comply with the Code of Professional Conduct and must provide a 24 hour emergency service to their clients. Emergency out of hours cover may be arranged with another RVP, RVC or RVH within a reasonable distance and clients must be made aware of such an arrangement either before or when seeking Registered Practitioner assistance. Documentary evidence of such an arrangement must be available and may be requested by an Authorised Officer.</u></p>	The public can have access to veterinary care at all times	APP	APP	APP	APP
1.2 RVP	The equipment required for the procedures performed <del>at or</del> from the premises must be stored in a safe, secure location not accessible to the public. All equipment must be routinely serviced, as required by manufacturers, and records of such services maintained for inspection. (In particular, the following pieces of equipment must have up to date service records available: x-ray, autoclave, anaesthetic machines)	Registered persons require certain items of equipment to carry out their work. Equipment must be properly maintained to ensure its effectiveness. Veterinary equipment can also be hazardous if accessible to and/or used by untrained individuals.	APP	NOT APP	NOT APP	NOT APP
1.2 RVC RVH RMVU	The equipment required for the procedures performed at or from the premises must be stored in a safe, secure location, not accessible to the public. All equipment must be routinely serviced, as required by	Registered persons require certain items of equipment to carry out their work. Equipment must be properly maintained to ensure its effectiveness. Veterinary equipment can also be hazardous if accessible to	NOT APP	APP	APP	APP

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1.3 RVP RVC RMVU	<u>The use of laboratory testing to support good veterinary practice is considered essential.</u> Access to a diagnostic laboratory and clinical pathology services must be available. Records of tests undertaken must be available and stored in chronological order or entered onto client record forms	<i>Clinical pathology sampling can be a useful aid to veterinary diagnosis. Ready access to results of laboratory tests ensures prompt and effective treatment of animals</i>	APP	APP	APP	NOT APP
1.3 RVH	A basic range of in-house laboratory diagnostic services must be provided. (At a minimum, equipment should include: binocular microscope with mechanical stage, electric light source and oil-immersion facility, centrifuge, refractometer, biochemistry, electrolyte and haematology analyser). Records of tests undertaken must be available and stored in chronological order or entered onto client record forms.	<i>Clinical pathology sampling can be a useful aid to veterinary diagnosis. Ready access to results of laboratory tests ensures prompt and effective treatment of animals.</i>	NOT APP	NOT APP	NOT APP	APP
1.4 RVP RVC RMVU	If radiography services are not provided at or from the facility, arrangements must be made to obtain this service at another veterinary premises within a reasonable distance	<i>Radiography is an integral diagnostic modality in veterinary medicine and should be available to all patients even if not provided at the premises</i>	APP	APP	APP	NOT APP
1.4 RVH	Radiography services must be provided on site.	<i>Radiography is an integral diagnostic modality in veterinary medicine and should be available to all patients.</i>	NOT APP	NOT APP	NOT APP	APP
1.5	Signs must be kept in good repair. Consultation days and hours of attendance must be clearly visible, as well as telephone numbers to contact outside these hours. Telephone numbers for emergency cover must also be	<i>The public can have access to veterinary care at all times</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP

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	<p>made available.</p> <p><del>Where veterinary practitioners find it difficult to provide a 24-hour service, they should co-ordinate arrangements for the treatment of emergency cases, or even all-out-of-hours cases, so that clients can obtain help from some other member of the profession with whom prior arrangements have been made and who is sufficiently close at hand to be able to provide services for the client.</del></p> <p><del>Documentary evidence of such arrangements must be on hand, as may be requested by Authorised Officer.</del></p>					

Records which may be requested by Authorised Officers under this Standard include, but are not limited to:

- Equipment service records
- Licence for x-ray
- Arrangements for x-ray services
- Records of diagnostic laboratory and clinical pathology tests
- Arrangements for 24-hour cover

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## STANDARD 2 – RECORDS

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2.1	<p>An efficient system of recording, filing and retrieving patient records must be maintained for each animal, herd, flock or farm, appropriate to the facility, the equipment and the services provided, with due regard to confidentiality. Records should indicate the person responsible for carrying out the procedure or service. Records may be in written or electronic form and a satisfactory back-up system should be maintained. Records should be kept for at least <b>57</b> years. Authorised Officers may ask to inspect one or more animal/herd/farm records.</p> <p>Records should include dated examination findings, dated diagnostic test findings, all treatments, anaesthetics and surgeries, and all communications with clients. <b>Records must be promptly made available to clients on request.</b></p>	<p><i>Properly maintained clinical records allow prompt and effective treatment of animals and allow continuity of care within and between practices.</i></p>	APP	APP	APP	APP
2.2	<p>If the practice operates from more than one premises, the clinical records system must be accessible from each premises.</p>	<p>This is in the interests of animal welfare and appropriate veterinary care</p>	APP	APP	APP	APP

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### STANDARD 3 – HEALTH & SAFETY

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3.1	A practice Safety Statement must be available <b>and must reflect the scope of work and species seen at or from the premises.</b>	This is a legal requirement under Health & Safety legislation (H&S)	APP	APP	APP	APP
3.2	A sufficient number of working smoke detectors and readily accessible, serviced fire extinguishers must be provided.	<i>This is in the interests of staff, client and patient safety. (H&amp;S)</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
3.3	An emergency first aid box and accident record book must be available and properly maintained.	<i>This is in the interests of staff and client safety. (H&amp;S)</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
3.4	Pressurised gas cylinders, where present, must be securely stored.	<i>This is in the interests of staff, client and patient safety. (H&amp;S)</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
3.5	Non-clinical waste must be collected separately from other waste, stored hygienically and disposed of in an appropriate manner.	<i>This is in the interests of staff, client and patient health and safety. (H&amp;S)</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
3.6	Clinical waste and anatomical waste must be collected separately from other waste, stored hygienically and disposed of in an appropriate manner by a registered contractor.	<i>This is in the interests of staff, client and patient health and safety. (H&amp;S)</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
3.7	Pharmaceutical waste must be collected separately from other waste, stored hygienically and disposed of in an appropriate manner by a registered contractor.	<i>This is in the interests of staff, client and patient health and safety. (H&amp;S)</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
3.8	X ray processing fluids are hazardous waste and must be disposed of in accordance to legal requirements	<i>Manual and automatic processing exposes staff to chemicals which may be hazardous and must be appropriately disposed of when they reach the end of their usefulness.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
3.9	Sharps must be placed directly in an approved container and disposed of in an appropriate manner by a registered contractor.	<i>This is in the interests of staff, client and patient health and safety. (H&amp;S)</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
3.10	A staff facility, with separate food preparation/dining area, must be available.	<i>This is in the interests of staff and client health and safety. (and in compliance with Health &amp; Safety Legislation)</i>	NOT APP	APP	APP	APP

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Records which may be requested by Authorised Officers under this Standard include, but are not limited to:

- Practice Safety Statement
- Accident Record Book
- Contract with Waste Disposal Provider (non-clinical waste)
- Contract for Waste Disposal Provider (clinical waste disposal)
- Contract for Waste Disposal Provider (anatomical waste)
- Contract for Waste Disposal Provider (pharmaceutical waste)
- Disposal of X-ray Processing Fluids
- Contract for Waste Disposal Provider (sharps)

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**STANDARD 4 – PHARMACY**

<b>Standard Ref</b>	<b>PHARMACY</b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>	<b>RVP (MMR)</b>	<b>RMVU (MMR)</b>	<b>RVC (MMR)</b>	<b>RVH (MMR)</b>
4.1	Records must be kept of the annual caseload and range of species treated at or from the premises	<i>This is to ensure that an appropriate range of animal remedies is available.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
4.2	A range of animal remedies consistent with good standard of practice and range of procedures undertaken must be stored at the premises. Precisely what animal remedies should be available will depend on the scope of the practice.	<i>The practice of veterinary medicine usually involves the treatment of animals with animal remedies: it is in the interests of animal welfare that these products are available to the treating veterinary practitioner.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
4.3	The Certificate of Suitability holder must ensure the storage, safekeeping, dispensing, record-keeping and management of animal remedies at the premises in conformance with Veterinary Product Authorisation (VPA),-Animal Remedies Regulations (ARR) <u>and the Misuse of Drugs Acts.</u>	<i>There are legal obligations on veterinary practitioners regarding the safe handling of animal remedies, outlined in the current Animal Remedies Regulations (ARR) <u>and the Misuse of Drugs Acts.</u></i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
4.4	If refrigeration of animal remedies is required, it must be separate from that for food or pathological samples or carcasses. Specifically, such storage must be separate from any domestic storage.	<i>This is necessary to prevent cross-contamination.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
4.5	A system must be in place for the recording and reporting to the <del>Irish Medicines Board</del> <u>Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA)</u> of any suspected Adverse Drug Reactions (ADR).	<i>The reporting of adverse drug reactions assists the surveillance of the safety of veterinary medicines</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
4.6	Evidence must be provided that prescribing is in accordance with Councils Code of Professional Conduct, Ethical Veterinary Practice and good prescribing practices.	<i>In the interest of Animal Welfare, Environment, Public Health and to minimise antimicrobial resistance.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP

Records which may be requested by Authorised Officers under this Standard include, but are not limited to:

- Caseload and range of species treated at or from the premises
- ARR records
- ADR reports (if APP)

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**STANDARD 5 – BIOSECURITY**

<b>Standard Ref</b>	<b>BIOSECURITY</b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>	<b>RVP (MMR)</b>	<b>RMVU (MMR)</b>	<b>RVC (MMR)</b>	<b>RVH (MMR)</b>
5.1	All areas of a veterinary premises, including all instruments, apparatus and apparel used in connection with the practice of veterinary medicine, must be maintained in a sanitary and orderly condition at all times.	<i>This is to present a professional image and minimise the risk of disease spread.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
5.2	The entire facility should be clean, uncluttered and free of impediments and obstructions.	<i>This is to present a professional image and minimise the risk of injury to staff, clients or patients.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
5.3	Separate cleaning materials and equipment must be used in the operating area. These must not be used in other areas of the premises.	<i>This is to prevent cross-contamination.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
5.4	Sanitising agents capable of killing viruses and bacteria must be used to disinfect the premises.	<i>This is to minimise the risk of disease spread.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
5.5	The Certificate of Suitability holder must ensure that adequate measures are in place to prevent the spread of contagious disease in relation to the premises, staff, instruments, equipment and vehicles.	<i>This is to minimise the risk of disease spread.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
5.6	(FA & EQ ONLY) A disinfectant boot dip and protective	<i>This is in the interests of hygiene and disease control.</i>	APP	NOT	APP	APP

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## STANDARD 5 – BIOSECURITY

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	clothing must be provided for FA & EQ clients if required.			APP		
5.7	Vehicles must be maintained in a clean manner in the interest of animal health.	This is in the interest of hygiene and disease control.	<i>APP</i>	APP	APP	APP
5.8	<del>If the premises is on the same site on which animals are held (e.g. Farm, stud, kennels) adequate biosecurity measures must be in place to address the risk of the spread of disease.</del> -Documentary evidence clearly identifying perimeters of veterinary premises <u>and any adjoining animal holding facility should</u> <del>must</del> be available for inspection. <u>A map of the premises must be available for new premises.</u> <u>Biosecurity measures must be at appropriate locations on the premises.</u>	<i>This is to minimise the risk of disease spread.</i>	<i>NOT APP Because animals must not be treated at a RVP</i>	APP	APP	APP

Records which may be requested by Authorised Officers under this Standard include, but are not limited to:

- Cleaning protocols and schedules
- Where animals are held, documentary evidence clearly identifying perimeters of veterinary premises

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**STANDARD 6 – POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION AND CARCASE DISPOSAL**

<b>Standard Ref</b>	<b>POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION AND CARCASE DISPOSAL</b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>	<b>RVP (MMR)</b>	<b>RMVU (MMR)</b>	<b>RVC (MMR)</b>	<b>RVH (MMR)</b>
6.1	Arrangements must be in place for the post-mortem examination of animals, where necessary, either at the premises, at another registered veterinary premises or at a veterinary pathology laboratory.	<i>Post-mortem examination provides useful information for the veterinary practitioner and the owner and aids in diagnosis and treatment of cohort animals.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
6.2	All animal tissues must be enclosed in appropriate containers and kept in an area away from the public before being promptly removed for disposal <u>or dispatch</u> .	<i>This is to prevent cross-contamination and prevent distress to staff, clients and members of the public.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
6.3	Dead animals, other than those covered by specific legislation, must be placed in a <del>refrigerator or freezer</del> designated for this purpose before being promptly removed for disposal <u>unless freezing is contraindicated for post mortem examination purposes</u> .	<i>This is for reasons of public health and hygiene and prevent distress to staff, clients and members of the public.</i>	APP	APP (CA only)	APP (CA only)	APP
6.4	Where post-mortem services are being provided, adequate facilities should be provided, separate from animal or public areas.	<i>This is to prevent cross-contamination and prevent distress to staff, clients and members of the public.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP

Records which may be requested by Authorised Officers under this Standard include, but are not limited to:

- Arrangements for post mortem

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**STANDARD 7 - VEHICLE**

<b>Standard Ref</b>	<b>VEHICLE</b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>	<b>RVP (MMR)</b>	<b>RMVU (MMR)</b>	<b>RVC (MMR)</b>	<b>RVH (MMR)</b>
7.1	Each vehicle used by a <del>veterinary practitioner</del> <u>registered person</u> in connection with the practice of veterinary medicine must <del>have a current NCT certificate, if APP, and be appropriately taxed and insured, comply with appropriate legislation.</del>	<i>As a professional, a registered person is expected to conform with legal requirements.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
7.2	Each vehicle must be kept in a clean and tidy condition.	<i>A practice vehicle is an intrinsic part of a registered person's professional image.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
7.3	Appropriate clean protective clothing and footwear must be carried in the vehicle. Soiled clothing must be separated and cleaned immediately after use or at the first available opportunity.	<i>This is to present a professional image and to minimise the risk of spread of disease between premises or between animals and people.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
7.4	Where the vehicle is used for the transport of animal remedies, there must be an appropriate stock level to support anticipated demand and avoid animal remedies going out of date. Where the vehicle carries animal remedies, provision must be made so that the manufacture's recommendations for their storage can be adhered to. This may include the provision of a cool box or refrigeration unit. Such storage should separate remedies appropriately and should be out of public view.	<i>It is unsafe and illegal to use out-of-date animal remedies. Animal remedies have specific storage requirements which must be adhered to in order to maintain their safety and efficacy. Veterinary equipment and many animal remedies can be dangerous if handled by lay-people and it is incumbent on a registered persons to minimise the risk of break-ins to practice vehicles storing such equipment/remedies.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
7.5	Adequate restraint and diagnostic equipment and sampling material must be carried to allow the diagnosis and treatment of those conditions normally encountered. Dirty equipment must be separated and cleaned immediately after use or at the first available opportunity.	<i>Veterinary practice and animal welfare are facilitated by access to the correct equipment for restraint and diagnosis. Separation of dirty equipment avoids the spread of disease between animals.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
7.6	Suitable waste disposal containers must be provided for clinical, biological and sharps waste.	<i>This is a requirement under Health and Safety legislation.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
7.7	An efficient method of communication with clients/office must be available in each vehicle ( <del>e.g. radio-telephone, mobile phone (in conformity with road safety legislation)</del> ).	<i>This is to ensure that calls can be dealt with speedily and efficiently.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP

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**STANDARD 8 - LIBRARY**

<b>Standard Ref</b>	<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>	<b>RVP (MMR)</b>	<b>RMVU (MMR)</b>	<b>RVC (MMR)</b>	<b>RVH (MMR)</b>
8.1	Access to appropriate professional material must be readily available for research and education via the internet and/or library.	<i>The internet provides timely access to the most up-to-date research and information. Continuing Veterinary Education is mandatory for all registered veterinary persons.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP

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**STANDARD 9 – OFFICE/RECEPTION/WAITING ROOM AREA**

<b>Stand ard Ref</b>	<b>Office/<u>Reception</u>/<u>Waiting Room Area</u></b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>	<b>RVP (MMR- office only)</b>	<b>RMVU (MMR)</b>	<b>RVC (MMR)</b>	<b>RVH (MMR)</b>
9.1	The Certificate of Suitability holder must display the <u>current</u> extract from the Register of Certificates of Suitability in a prominent place at the veterinary premises to which it relates.	This is a requirement under the Act. Authorised Officers are entitled to ask to see the COS.	APP	APP	APP	APP
9.2	Names and qualifications of registered veterinary practitioners and registered veterinary nurses practising veterinary medicine at the premises must be displayed. This must include the name of the certificate holder for the purposes of the Premises Accreditation Scheme (PAS) Regulations.	All registered persons must work at or from an accredited premises (unless the premises is exempt).	APP	APP	APP	APP
9.3	The Certificate of Suitability holder must satisfy him/herself that the registered person/s are on the Veterinary Council's <u>live</u> -register.	It is a legal requirement that all veterinary practitioners and veterinary nurses who provide veterinary services are registered with the Veterinary Council.	APP	APP	APP	APP
9.4	There must be a defined client waiting area of adequate size and with sufficient space and seating for the workload at the premises. This <u>waiting client</u> area must be separate from any examination <u>room</u> , <u>treatment/procedure room or inpatient room</u> <u>area</u> .	This is to ensure the comfort and safety of staff, clients and patients and ensure that consultations can take place in private.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at an RVP	APP	APP	APP
9.5	The environment in the waiting area must be comfortable for patients, clients and staff with heating, cooling, and ventilation provided as necessary. It is important that noxious odours be eliminated as much as possible.	This is to ensure the comfort and safety of staff, clients and patients.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated	APP	APP	APP

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			at a RVP			
9.6	A clean toilet, including hand-washing facilities, must be available <del>to the clients on the veterinary premises.</del>	This is in the interests of hygiene and disease control.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
9.7	Cleaning equipment and sanitary supplies must be stored safely away from the public.	This is to ensure the safety of clients and staff.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
9.8	If commercial merchandise is displayed it must be of relevant goods and of an acceptable professional nature, associated with animal nutrition, management, welfare and care.	This is to present a professional image.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
9.9	Retail product displays must not impede staff or client traffic flow in the <u>office/reception/waiting room area.</u>	This is to ensure the safety of clients and staff.	NOT APP because animals must	APP	APP	APP

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			not be treated at a RVP			
9.10	Deliveries and unloading of stock and supplies must not impede or obstruct doorways, hallways or the <u>office/reception/waiting room area</u> .	This is to ensure the safety of clients, patients and staff.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
9.11	Indoor lighting for halls, wards, <u>office/reception/waiting room areas</u> , examination <u>room(s)</u> , <u>treatment/procedure room(s)</u> and surgical <u>room(s)</u> must be adequate for the intended purpose.	This is to ensure the safety of clients, patients and staff.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at an RVP	APP	APP	APP
9.12	There must be adequate internal signage to indicate fire escapes, X-ray areas etc.	This is to ensure the safety of clients, patients and staff.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at an RVP	APP	APP	APP
9.13	(CA ONLY) Appropriate facilities must be available for	This is to ensure the safety of clients, patients and	NOT	APP	APP	APP

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	the separation of predator/prey species.	staff.	APP because animals must not be treated at an RVP			
9.14	A sign indicating basic and out of hours consultation fees must be displayed.	This is for client information.	<b><u>NOT APP</u></b>	APP	APP	APP

Records which may be requested by Authorised Officers under this Standard include, but are not limited to:

- Signage
- Registration file of registered persons

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**STANDARD 10 – PREMISES - EXTERNAL**

<b>Standard Ref</b>	<b>PREMISES EXTERNAL</b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>	<b>RVP</b> (n/a)	<b>RMVU</b> (MAR)	<b>RVC</b> (MAR)	<b>RVH</b> (MAR)
10.1 RVC RVH	The veterinary premises must be a permanent structure.	<i>Solid foundations and a permanent structure are essential. <del>unless the premises are under construction or repair, in which case a temporary building can be used in the interim.</del> Evidence of planning application must be available for inspection. A mobile home/caravan is unacceptable. A permanent structure reassures clients that continuity of care will be available for their animals.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at an RVP	NOT APP	APP	APP
10.1 RMVU	A RMVU must be associated with a veterinary premises registered under the PAS in the RVC or RVH classification which must be a permanent structure.	<i>A permanent structure reassures clients that continuity of care will be available for their animals.</i>	NOT APP	APP	NOT APP	NOT APP
10.2 RVC RVH	The premises shall meet all local bye-laws and planning regulations and meet with any Environmental Legislation. (COS holder must <u>be able to</u> produce evidence of planning approval from local authority <u>on request</u> )	This is a legal requirement.	NOT APP Because animals must not be treated at a RVP	NOT APP	APP	APP

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10.2 RMVU	The mobile unit shall meet any bye-laws and meet with any Environmental Legislation and Planning regulations.	This is a legal requirement.	NOT APP Because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	NOT APP	NOT APP
10.3	The grounds and exterior must show evidence of regular maintenance.	<i>To present a professional image to the public and eliminate hazards which might cause injury to staff, clients or patients.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
10.4	The veterinary premises must have a direct public entrance. Documentary evidence clearly identifying perimeters of the veterinary premises must be available for inspection.	<i>Not shared with entrance to a private dwelling or via a retail outlet which is not part of the veterinary practice or any animal holding area which is not part of the veterinary practice. An entrance in a shopping centre or arcade is acceptable provided there is another direct external access.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP

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10.5	There must be adequate external lighting of the structure and environs.	<i>This is to ensure the safety of clients and staff.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
10.6	Doors and windows should be self-closing or otherwise secured.	<i>This is to prevent the escape or theft of animals and the theft of animal remedies.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
10.7	Loading and unloading facilities must be of appropriate design and construction and be in good repair.	<i>This is so that patients can be unloaded safely and efficiently.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP

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10.8	<p>Signs must be kept in good repair. Consultation days, <del>and</del> hours of attendance <u>and telephone numbers must be clearly visible, as well as telephone numbers to contact outside these hours.</u> Telephone numbers for emergency 24 hour cover must also be made available. <del>Where veterinary practitioners find it difficult to provide a 24-hour service, they should co-ordinate arrangements for the treatment of emergency cases, or even all-out-of hours cases, so that clients can obtain help from some other member of the profession with whom prior arrangements have been made and who is sufficiently close at hand to be able to provide services for the client. Documentary evidence of such arrangements must be on hand as may be requested by</del> <u>Authorised Officer</u></p>	<p><i>To present a professional image and so that information needed by the public is easily read. The public must have access to veterinary care at all times.</i></p>	<p>NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP</p>	<p>APP</p>	<p>APP</p>	<p>APP</p>

Records which may be requested by Authorised Officers under this Standard include, but are not limited to:

- Practice must produce evidence of planning approval from local authority
- Documentary evidence clearly identifying perimeters of veterinary premises must be available for inspection.

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**STANDARD 11 – EXAMINATION ROOM/~~AREA~~**

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11.1	Records must be kept of the annual caseload and range of species examined at the premises.	<i>This is to ensure that appropriate equipment and facilities are provided for the examination of animals.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
11.2	An examination room <del>or area</del> , adequately lit, and generally free of extraneous noise and activity, must be available for the complete physical examination of patients by a veterinary practitioner in private.	This is to ensure animal welfare, appropriate veterinary care and client confidentiality.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
11.3	The examination room/ <del>area</del> must be of sufficient size to accommodate the veterinary practitioner, assistant, patient and client comfortably.	This is to ensure animal welfare, appropriate veterinary care and the safety of staff and clients.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
11.4	Hand washing facilities with hot and cold water must be available, preferably in each examination room/ <del>area</del> . It is acceptable, though less desirable, that they are in close proximity to the examination <del>room</del> <del>area</del> .	This is in the interests of hygiene and disease control.	NOT APP because animals must not be	APP	APP	APP

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			treated at a RVP			
11.5	Each examination room/ <del>area</del> must contain at least 2 covered/enclosed waste receptacles, one of which should be for clinical waste only. Bins should preferably be operated by foot plate.	Open waste bins are aesthetically unacceptable, unhygienic and may be a source of noxious odours.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
11.6	The floor and examination table surface (where present) must be capable of being cleaned and disinfected between patients.	This is in the interests of hygiene and disease control.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
11.7	Diagnostic equipment needed for the routine physical examination of the patient must be readily available.	<i>Veterinary practice and animal welfare are enhanced by access to appropriate diagnostic equipment. Precisely what equipment should be available will depend on the nature of the practice.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
11.8	Restraint devices must be present and must be of adequate design, clean and in good working order.	This is to ensure the safety of patients, staff and clients. Precisely what equipment should be available will depend on the nature of the practice.	NOT APP because animals	APP	APP	APP

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			must not be treated at a RVP			
11.9	Equipment for the accurate weighing of patients must be available.	<i>This is to ensure appropriate dosage of veterinary medicinal products.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
11.10	(EQ ONLY) There must be a soundly constructed stocks located in, or immediately adjacent to, the examination area.	<i>This is to ensure the safety of patients, staff and clients.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP only if equines are treated at the premises	APP only if equines are treated at the premises	APP only if equines are treated at the premises
	(FA ONLY) There must be a soundly constructed race and crush located in, or immediately adjacent to, the examination area.	<i>This is to ensure the safety of patients, staff and clients.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP only if farm animals are treated at the premises	APP only if farm animals are treated at the premises	APP only if farm animals are treated at the premises

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**STANDARD 11 – EXAMINATION ROOM/~~AREA~~**

<b>Standard Ref</b>	<b>EXAMINATION ROOM/<del>AREA</del></b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>	<b>RVP</b> (n/a)	<b>RMVU</b> (MAR)	<b>RVC</b> (MAR)	<b>RVH</b> (MAR)
11.11	(EQ ONLY) A dedicated trot-up area (level, firm and a minimum of 25m long) must be available	<i>This is to enhance the diagnosis of musculoskeletal abnormalities.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	NOT APP	APP only if equines are treated at the premises	APP only if equines are treated at the premises
11.12	(EQ) An all-weather lunge ring must be available at the premises	<i>This is to enhance diagnosis of musculoskeletal and upper respiratory tract abnormalities.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	NOT APP	APP only if equines are treated at the premises	APP only if equines are treated at the premises

Records which may be requested by Authorised Officers under this Standard include, but are not limited to:

- Annual caseload and range of species examined at the premises

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**STANDARD 12 – TREATMENT/~~PROCEDURE ROOM~~/~~AREA~~**

<b>Standard Ref</b>	<b>TREATMENT/<del>PROCEDURE</del>EXAMINATION ROOM/<del>AREA</del></b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>	<b>RVP</b> (n/a)	<b>RMVU</b> (MAR)	<b>RVC</b> (MAR)	<b>RVH</b> (MAR)
12.1	A treatment/ <del>procedure</del> room <del>or designated treatment/procedure area</del> , with all the necessary equipment and medicines relevant to the type of services being provided, must be available. <del>The examination room/area can also serve as a treatment room/area.</del> This room should be equipped in such a way that basic examinations, emergency interventions and general surgical preparations can be carried out. Precisely what equipment and medicines should be available will depend on the scope of the practice.	Veterinary treatment can be carried out more efficiently and effectively in a designated room <del>or area</del> .	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
12.2	This room/ <del>area</del> must be of adequate size for the procedures being performed.	This is in the interests of animal welfare, appropriate veterinary care and the safety of staff and clients.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
12.3	Surfaces and equipment must be capable of being cleaned and disinfected between patients.	This is in the interests of hygiene and disease control.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP

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**STANDARD 13 – IN-PATIENT ROOM AND FACILITIES**

<b>Standard Ref</b>	<b>IN-PATIENT <u>ROOM AND</u> FACILITIES</b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>	<b>RVP</b> <i>(n/a)</i>	<b>RMVU</b> <i>(MAR- CA) (SOPQ)</i>	<b>RVC</b> <i>(MAR- CA) (SOPQ)</i>	<b>RVH</b> <i>(MAR)</i>
13.1	Records must be kept of the annual caseload and range of species housed/hospitalised at the premises.	<i>This is to ensure that appropriate equipment and facilities are provided for in-patient care.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
13.2 RVC RMVU	If an animal needs to be housed overnight the veterinary practitioner on duty must assume responsibility for the monitoring and care of the animal. This should be documented in records available for inspection.	<i>This is in the interests of animal welfare and optimal veterinary care.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	NOT APP
13.2 RVH	Continuous patient monitoring must be provided as necessary on a 24-hour basis by a registered person. A written duty rota must be available.	<i>This is in the interests of optimal nursing and veterinary care.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	NOT APP	NOT APP	APP
13.3	A veterinary practitioner must be available on call, with a written duty rota available.	<i>This is in the interests of optimal nursing and veterinary care.</i>	NOT APP because animals must	APP	APP	APP

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			not be treated at a RVP			
13.4	All hospitalised animals must be checked as necessary over a 24-hour period. Records indicating times of observation, examination, treatment, feeding and general care must be kept and available for inspection. The records must be annotated by the person carrying out the observation of procedures.	<i>This is in the interests of optimal nursing and veterinary care.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
13.5	Appropriate information must be given to owners regarding the level of care that will be given to patients (e.g. continuous monitoring, regular inspection as appropriate).	<i>This is so that owners can give informed consent to the overnight housing of their animals.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
13.6	Holding facilities must be of adequate size and design.	<i>This is to ensure each animal's safety, security and well-being.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated	APP	APP	APP

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			at a RVP			
13.7	The <u>inpatient room</u> area must contain provisions for food and water when necessary.	<i>This is in the interests of animal welfare.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
13.8	Each compartment must permit easy observation of, and access to, the animal.	<i>This is in the interests of optimal nursing and veterinary care</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
13.9	A separate compartment must be available for each animal.	<i>This is in the interests of animal welfare and disease control.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated	APP	APP	APP

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			at a RVP			
13.10	Sufficient space must be provided to assure freedom of movement and normal postural adjustments with convenient access to food and water.	<i>This is in the interests of animal welfare.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
13.11	(EQ ONLY) At least one box must be large enough to house a mare and foal.	<i>This is in the interests of animal welfare.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
13.12	Animal compartments must be cleaned and disinfected between patients.	<i>This is in the interests of hygiene and disease control.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated	APP	APP	APP

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			at a RVP			
13.13	Appropriate facilities must be available for urination and defecation and, where appropriate to the species and individual animal, outdoor exercise at sufficient intervals.	<i>This is in the interests of animal welfare.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
13.14	The temperature must be maintained in a range that is comfortable and safe for all patients.	<i>This is in the interests of animal welfare.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
13.15	There must be adequate air circulation in each confinement area.	<i>This is in the interests of animal welfare and disease control.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated	APP	APP	APP

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			at a RVP			
13.16	(CA ONLY) Appropriate bedding must be provided and must be laundered and/or sanitised between patients.	<i>This is in the interests of animal welfare and disease control.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
13.16	(EQ & FA ONLY) Where bedding is provided adequate precaution must be taken to prevent the spread of disease	<i>This is in the interests of animal welfare and disease control.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
13.17	(ALL) Bedding must be disposed of in accordance with Waste Management Legislation	This is a legal requirement.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated	APP	APP	APP

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			at a RVP			
13.18	All surfaces must be non-toxic impervious, non-slip and easily cleaned. All cages, runs, stalls, pens and other animal compartments must be kept in good repair and be capable of being cleaned and disinfected between patients.	This is to prevent injury to the animal, to promote physical comfort and is in the interests of hygiene and disease control.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
13.19	An animal identification system must be used.	This is in the interests of optimal nursing and veterinary care.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
13.20	Isolation facilities must be available with limited access, separate air space, hand-washing facilities and separate drains.	This is in the interests of hygiene and disease control.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated	NOT APP this requirement only applies	NOT APP this requirement only applies	APP

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			at a RVP	to RVH	to RVH	
13.21	An area suitable for neonatal care must be available.	This is in the interests of optimal nursing and veterinary care.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	NOT APP this requirement only applies to RVH	NOT APP this requirement only applies to RVH	APP
13.22	Intensive care facilities for critically ill patients must be available, and monitored at regular intervals by a registered veterinary person.	<i>This is in the interests of optimal nursing and veterinary care.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	NOT APP this requirement only applies to RVH	NOT APP this requirement only applies to RVH	APP

Records which may be requested by Authorised Officers under this Standard include:

- Caseload and range of species housed/hospitalised at the premises
- (RVH) written duty rota for 24-hour nursing care by RVN/RVP
- written duty rota for RVP(s) on-call
- animal identification system

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## STANDARD 14 – FOOD STORAGE AND PREPARATION

Standard Ref	FOOD STORAGE AND PREPARATION	RATIONALE	RVP <i>(n/a)</i>	RMVU <i>(MAR-CA) (SOPQ)</i>	RVC <i>(MAR-CA) (SOPQ)</i>	RVH <i>(MAR)</i>
14.1	There must be a defined area for animal food storage and preparation and a range of diets must be available. This area must be separate to any staff food storage/preparation area and hot and cold running water must be available within the area.	<i>This is in the interests of animal welfare.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
14.2	Bulk food must be stored in a vermin-proof container.	<i>This is in the interests of hygiene and disease control.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
14.3	Opened canned food must be refrigerated until used.	<i>This is in the interests of animal welfare.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
14.4	Water and feed bowls must be cleaned and disinfected as required.	<i>This is in the interests of hygiene and disease control.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be	APP	APP	APP

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			treated at a RVP			
14.5	Adequate daily feedings, with wholesome, nutritious, palatable food, must be provided except where medically contraindicated.	<i>This is in the interests of animal welfare.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
14.6	Adequate fresh water must be provided daily for all patients, except where medically contraindicated.	<i>This is in the interests of animal welfare.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP

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**STANDARD 15 – ANAESTHESIA AND RECOVERY**

Standard Ref	ANAESTHESIA AND RECOVERY	RATIONALE	RVP <i>(n/a)</i>	RMVU <i>(MAR-CA)</i> <del><i>(SOPQ)</i></del>	RVC <i>(MAR-CA)</i> <del><i>(SOPQ)</i></del>	RVH <i>(MAR)</i>
15.1	Records must be kept of the annual caseload and range of species undergoing anaesthesia at the premises.	<i>This is to ensure that equipment and facilities for anaesthesia and recovery are appropriate.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
15.2	The necessary equipment / animal remedies relevant to the procedure(s) being performed must be available and be properly maintained.	<i>This is to ensure that anaesthesia can be induced efficiently and effectively.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
15.3	Equipment for the administration of oxygen and the safe maintenance of anaesthesia using breathing systems should be present depending on the species being routinely treated and the range of procedures routinely performed.	<i>This is in the interests of patient safety.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
15.4	A range of endotracheal tubes of appropriate sizes must be available. These should be checked for leaks before each use and washed and disinfected after each use.	<i>This is to ensure access to a patent airway in the interests of patient safety.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP

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15.5	The Certificate of Suitability holder must ensure that all anaesthetic equipment is serviced by competent personnel according to the manufacturer's recommendations (which should be available). Records must be maintained of such inspections and servicing. In particular seals should be checked and vaporisers calibrated annually.	<i>This is in the interests of staff and patient safety.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
15.6	There must be adequate primary and back-up supplies of oxygen.	This is in the interests of patient safety.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
15.7	An anaesthetic gas scavenging system must be provided, where gaseous anaesthetic is being used.	This is in the interests of staff safety.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP

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15.8	<p><del>Appropriate equipment for the monitoring of anaesthesia appropriate to the caseload must be in place. must be available and its use indicated by the maintenance of a written anaesthetic log. Anaesthesia must be monitored by a registered veterinary practitioner who may be assisted by a registered veterinary nurse and the log should be available for inspection. (Such equipment may include, but is not limited to, a pulse oximeter, a capnograph, a means of direct or indirect arterial blood pressure measurement).</del></p>	This is in the interests of patient safety.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
15.9	Adequate equipment and facilities for resuscitation must be available. A recovery area adjacent to the main surgery area must be provided to allow constant monitoring: this area should be padded/protected as appropriate, readily accessible to emergency equipment; readily sterilised.	This is in the interests of patient safety.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
15.10	A signed anaesthetic consent form must be obtained except in emergency situations. This may be combined with the surgical consent form (see 16.12 below). These should be available for inspection.	<i>This is to ensure that clients are fully informed of the intended anaesthesia and the potential risks involved.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at an RVP	APP	APP	APP

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Records which may be requested by Authorised Officers under this Standard include, but are not limited to:

- caseload and range of species undergoing anaesthesia at the premises
- manufacturers' recommendations for servicing of anaesthetic machines
- anaesthetic machine inspections and servicing
- anaesthesia log
- anaesthesia consent forms

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## STANDARD 16 – SURGERY

Standard Ref	SURGERY	RATIONALE	RVP (n/a)	RMVU (SOPO)	RVC (SOPO)	RVH (MAR)
16.1	A dedicated operating area should be available for the conduct of aseptic surgery– it should not double up as an <u>examination</u> room. (CA & EQ). <u>This area may be appropriately located in the treatment/procedure room.</u>	<i>This is to ensure that emergency surgery can be performed when required.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
16.2	Records must be kept of the annual caseload and range of species undergoing surgery at the premises.	<i>This is to ensure that equipment and facilities for surgery and recovery are appropriate</i>	NOT APP	APP	APP	APP
16.3	The operating area must only contain equipment for use in surgical procedures and radiographic equipment. (CA & EQ)	<i>This is to ensure that surgery can be performed more efficiently and effectively.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
16.4	Facilities for viewing radiographs should be available. This should be within, or immediately adjacent to, the operating area. (CA & EQ)	<i>This is to ensure that surgery can be performed more efficiently and effectively.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP

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**STANDARD 16 – SURGERY**

Standard Ref	SURGERY	RATIONALE	RVP (n/a)	RMVU (SOPO)	RVC (SOPO)	RVH (MAR)
16.5	An area separate from the aseptic area must be available for induction and pre-operative preparation of patients.	<i>This is to reduce the potential for contamination of the operating area.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
16.6	Scrub area must be separate from the aseptic area.	<i>This is to reduce the potential for contamination of the operating area.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
16.7	There must be an <del>adjustable height</del> operating table (CA) and light with sufficient power to illuminate the surgical field <u>in the operating area. The operating table should be height adjustable if the caseload of the premises dictates this. (CA, EQ &amp; FA)</u>	<i>This is for the comfort and safety of staff and to allow easy access to the operating site.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
16.8	Instruments to be used in surgery must be sterilised either <u>by autoclave by or gas sterilisation or heat sterilisation.</u>	<i>These are the most effective means of sterilisation.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at an RVP	APP	APP	APP

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16.9	Cold chemical sterilisation (CCS) may be acceptable under field conditions and in emergency situations.	<i>CCS is an inferior method of sterilisation.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
16.10	Packs of sterilised surgical instruments and drapes must be <b>initialled</b> , labelled with the date of sterilisation and contain an indicator of adequate sterilisation.	<i>This is to ensure that only adequately sterilised instruments and drapes are used.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
16.11	Caps, masks and sterile gowns, drapes, towels, and gloves must be available.	<i>This is to reduce the potential for cross contamination.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
16.12	Except in emergency situations, a signed surgical consent form must be obtained. This may be combined with the anaesthetic consent form (see 15.10 above).	<i>This is to ensure that clients are fully informed of the intended surgical procedure and the potential risks involved.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP

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16.13	Surgery logs must be maintained.	<i>This is in the interests of clinical care.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
16.14	The operating area should be a closed room with no through traffic and must be adequately screened from public view.	<i>This is to reduce the potential for contamination of the operating area and to prevent inadvertently causing distress to a client or other visitor.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
16.15	A clock with a second hand must be clearly visible from within the operating area.	<i>This is to ensure that surgery and anaesthesia can be monitored effectively.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP
16.16	Appropriate clothing or footwear must be worn in the operating area.	<i>This is to reduce the potential for contamination of the operating area.</i>	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP

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## STANDARD 16 – SURGERY

Standard Ref	SURGERY	RATIONALE	RVP (n/a)	RMVU (SOPO)	RVC (SOPO)	RVH (MAR)
16.17	An emergency power source must be available.	This is to allow surgery to be completed in the event of a power cut or electricity failure.	NOT APP because animals must not be treated at a RVP	APP	APP	APP

Records which may be requested by Authorised Officers under this Standard include, but are not limited to:

- Surgery consent forms
- Surgery logs
- Anaesthetic consent form.

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## STANDARD 17 – LABORATORY

Standard Ref	LABORATORY	RATIONALE	RVP (n/a)	RMVU (SOPO)	RVC (SOPO)	RVH (MAR)
17.1 RVC RMVU	Access to a diagnostic laboratory and clinical pathology services must be available. Records of tests undertaken must be available and stored in chronological order or entered onto client record forms.	<i>Clinical pathology sampling can be a useful aid to veterinary diagnosis. Ready access to results of laboratory tests ensures prompt and effective treatment of animals.</i>	NOT APP	APP	APP	NOT APP
17.1 RVH	A basic range of in-house laboratory diagnostic services must be provided. (At a minimum, equipment should include: binocular microscope with mechanical stage, electric light source and oil-immersion facility, centrifuge, refractometer, biochemistry, electrolyte and haematology analyser). Records of tests undertaken must be available and stored in chronological order or entered onto client record forms.	<i>Clinical pathology sampling can be a useful aid to veterinary diagnosis. Ready access to results of laboratory tests ensures prompt and effective treatment of animals.</i>	NOT APP	NOT APP	NOT APP	APP
17.2	Where samples are submitted to an outside laboratory they must be collected, stored, packaged and dispatched in a manner that ensures the safety of personnel in contact with sample material and minimises sample deterioration to ensure optimum test results.	<i>Accuracy and reliability of test results depends on appropriate sample collection, storage and dispatch.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
17.3	<b>If in-house laboratory diagnostic services are provided</b> , the laboratory area/bench must be clearly defined and used only for laboratory purposes.	<i>This is necessary to prevent cross-contamination or deterioration of samples, and to ensure timely processing.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
17.3	The laboratory area/bench must be clearly defined and used only for laboratory purposes.	<i>This is necessary to prevent cross-contamination or deterioration of samples, and to ensure timely processing.</i>	NOT APP	NOT APP	NOT APP	APP
17.4	There must be adequate facilities for the storage of specimens and reagents, including refrigeration if required, and disposal of waste	<i>This is to ensure the accuracy and reliability of test results.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP

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17.5	Reference range values must be available for all laboratory tests performed by external laboratories.	<i>This ensures accurate identification of abnormal values.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
17.6	In-house laboratory facilities must be available to provide clinical pathology investigations for emergency cases.	<i>This is in the interests of optimal patient care.</i>	NOT APP	APP	APP	APP

Records which may be requested by Authorised Officers under this Standard include, but are not limited to:

- Records of laboratory tests undertaken
- Reference range value

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## STANDARD 18 – RADIOGRAPHY AND DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

Standard Ref	RADIOGRAPHY AND DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING	RATIONALE	RVP (n/a)	RMVU (SOPO)	RVC (SOPO)	RVH (MAR)
18.1	Where an X-ray source is used, the source and its use must be licensed by the <del>Radiological Protection Institution of Ireland</del> <b>Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</b> . This licence should be available for inspection.	<i>This is required under Radiological Protection Legislation.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
18.2	Permanent identification of the radiograph must occur at the time of exposure or just prior <del>to processing/development.</del>	<i>This is to prevent confusion between patients and to ensure appropriate care.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
18.3	Restraining devices, including sedation and anaesthesia, and plate holders, must be used as appropriate to reduce the potential exposure of staff to radiation. Manual restraint is not permitted for CA Radiography and only permitted for other species of animals in extreme emergencies. Fingers must never be within the primary beam.	<i>Exposure to ionising radiation for patients and staff should be as low as is reasonably achievable (ALARA principle).</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
18.4	A log of exposures and number of views taken must be kept and available for inspection.	<i>ALARA principle.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
18.5	Protective lead aprons must be available with a lead equivalent of at least .25mmPbE.	<i>ALARA principle.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
18.6	Protective lead gloves must be used with a minimum PbEQ of 0.5mm.	<i>ALARA principle.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
18.7	Adequate dosimeters must be in place. Records must be kept for a minimum of 2 years.	<i>ALARA principle.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
18.8	Radiographs should be processed either digitally or by an automatic processor. The use of manual processing is discouraged.	<i>Manual and automatic processing exposes staff to chemicals which may be hazardous and must be appropriately disposed of when they reach the end of their usefulness.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
18.9	X-ray processing fluids are hazardous waste and must be disposed in accordance to legal requirements	<i>Manual and automatic processing exposes staff to chemicals which may be hazardous and must be appropriately disposed of when they reach the end of their usefulness</i>	<del>NOT</del> APP	APP	APP	APP

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18.10	A separate, adequately ventilated, darkroom must be available for processing of radiographs, unless digital Radiology being used.	<i>This is because chemical fumes are potentially hazardous.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
18.11	A properly formulated technique chart must be available and exposure should be based on body part/thickness with a measuring callipers also being available.	<i>ALARA principle: a chart helps reduce repeat radiographs.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
18.12	Suitable arrangement for the efficient filing, storage, and retrieval of radiographs must be in place.	<i>Ready access to radiographs ensures prompt and effective treatment of animals.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
18.13	A viewing box with adequate viewing facilities must be available, unless digital Radiology is being used.	<i>This is essential for the proper interpretation of radiographs: it is not necessary where digital radiography is used.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
18.14	If radiography services are not provided at or from the facility, arrangements must be made to obtain this service at another veterinary premises within a reasonable distance.	<i>Radiography is an integral diagnostic modality in veterinary medicine and should be available to all patients, even if not provided by the practice.</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP
18.15	A Registered Veterinary Hospital must provide an appropriate range of diagnostic modalities such as radiography, ultrasound, ECG and endoscopy, including appropriate means of recording/storage of images and/or results of examinations.	<i>This is in the interests of optimal veterinary care.</i>	NOT APP	NOT APP	NOT APP	APP

Records which may be requested by Authorised Officers under this Standard include, but are not limited to:

- ~~RPII-EPA~~ licence
- Exposure log
- Dosimeter records
- Technique chart

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