

Basic Requirements of an Animal Clinic / Animal Clinic & Surgery/ Animal Hospital for the consideration of registration at DAPH

1. Facilities of animal clinic /Animal Clinic & Surgery/ Animal Hospital

a. Registration in relevant authorities

Need to fulfill all the registration requirements in relevant authorities that required to proceed the facility legally in that premises.

b. Identification

Clear name board should be displayed in front of the premises with SLVC registration number of the Veterinarian (chief veterinarian when there are more than one veterinarians are occupied) with the license number, emergency contact information.

c. Floor space:

For Animal Clinic: Usable minimum floor area: 150 sq.ft. With door and windows / vents to ensure ventilation.

For Animal Clinic & surgery: Usable minimum floor area: 400 sq.ft. With door and windows / vents to ensure ventilation.

For Animal Hospital Level C: Usable minimum floor area: 1000 sq.ft. With door and windows / vents to ensure ventilation.

For Animal Hospital Level B: Usable minimum floor area: 1000 - 2000 sq.ft. With door and windows / vents to ensure ventilation.

For Animal Hospital Level A: Usable minimum floor area: > 2000 sq.ft. With door and windows / vents to ensure ventilation.

d. Water and Electricity supply :

Uninterrupted electricity supply with the option of backup power system and adequate water supply must be available. This water supply should include portable water and a separate line for surgical areas which is applicable to clinic & surgery, hospital levels.

e. Animal holding facilities:

For Animal Clinic: As a separate isolated room or cage with space at least to hold one large breed adult dog.

For Animal Hospital: At least two separate isolated rooms or cages with space at least to hold one large breed adult dog.

f. Equipment :

- Basic - Pair of surgical scissors, Pair of general scissors, six Artery Forceps, two pairs of rat toothed Forceps, two pairs of Allis Forceps, one pair of Needle Holder, Scalpel or two scalpel handle, refrigerator, Thermometer, Stethoscope, examination light source (eg : pen torch), weighing scale (eg: bathroom scale), at least 2 equipment trays, Autoclave or efficient sterilizing device, suture materials and kits (with assorted types and sizes), basic diagnostic tools (eg: Glucometer, Urinalysis strips.)
- Advance for the hospital level – Computer and patient record system for digital records

- For hospital level B & A - Ultrasound machine, X-ray machine, Oxygen supply system, ECG machine, Crash cart (emergency medication and tools), Emergency resuscitation kit .

g. Facilities for consultation, clients and animal examination:

Veterinarian's table with drawers and chair and additional two chairs in front, and additional chairs for waiting clients,

i. For Animal examinations and treatments

An examination table (Top made of impervious Material), Instrument Trolley, a screen or Curtain to separate examination table, a saline stand, Lockable Cupboard/cabinet, rubber carpet at door step.

Restraining devices (eg: chains, muzzles, squeeze cages etc.) Antiseptics, detergents, disinfectants, brushes, brooms, mops and mop buckets for separate use in the consultation area, examination gloves, hand washing or sanitizing facilities near examination area and client waiting area.

ii. For surgeries (Clinic & surgery, Hospital)

Additional table (Top made of impervious Material) for surgery, an Additional light source to be used as a surgical lamp, a screen or Curtain to separate surgery table or surgical area (including recovery area), Complete set of general surgical instruments, additional cabinet for surgical supplies and instruments, , Surgical drapes, gowns, caps, gloves, masks.

Separate sink in surgical area for scrubbing. Surgical suction apparatus, Anesthetic machine, emergency resuscitation kit (AMBU bag, laryngoscope, endotracheal tubes and emergency drugs.

h. Facilities for hospitalized patients:

For Animal Clinic, Clinic & surgery - Not compulsory

For Animal Hospital –

Level C – maximum 10 cages / secure enclosures for particular animal species to be used as warding facilities.

Level B - maximum 20 cages / secure enclosures for particular animal species to be used as warding facilities

Level A – minimum 20 cages / secure enclosures for particular animal species to be used as warding facilities

2. Number of trained personnel and veterinary service:

All diagnostics and treatments must be carried out by or under the supervision of qualified Veterinary Surgeons.

2.1 Veterinary Surgeons

For Animal Clinic - At least one SLVC registered veterinary surgeon.

For Clinic & surgery - At least one SLVC registered veterinary surgeon.

For Animal Hospital –

Level C - At least two SLVC registered veterinary surgeons full time with an arrangement for 24 hour of Veterinary Service provision for inward patients.

Level B - At least three SLVC registered veterinary surgeons full time with an arrangement for 24 hour of Veterinary Service provision for inward patients.

Level A - At least four SLVC registered veterinary surgeons full time with compulsory veterinarian for 24 hour of Veterinary Service provision for inward patients.

2.2 Vet para professionals (Vet Nurses and technicians – No qualified Sri Lankan personnel at present locally.)

Animal Clinic, Clinic & Surgery – Not compulsory

Animal Hospital –

Level C – Optional

Level B – Optional

Level A – Compulsory

2.3 Vet Assistants (Should have minimum NVQ 3 level Qualification)

Animal Clinic – 1

Clinic & Surgery – 2

Animal Hospital – Level C – Minimum 3

Level B – Minimum 4

Level A – Minimum 5

2.4 Duty Roster (Particularly in hospital level) – Maintain a Duty roster showing shift coverage

2.5 CPD records – All veterinarians and support staff should maintain records of continuous personnel development (CPD)

3. Disease Diagnostic Facilities (these 1.a,b could be operated as a laboratory service separately away from a clinic or hospital)

3.1.a Basic laboratory

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Optional

Animal Hospital – Level C – Compulsory

Level B – Compulsory

Level A – Compulsory

3.1.b Advanced laboratory

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Non compulsory

Animal Hospital – Level C – Non Compulsory

Level B – Optional

Level A – Compulsory

3.2 Radiology

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Non Compulsory

Animal Hospital – Level C – Optional

Level B – Optional

Level A – Compulsory

3.3 Ultrasound scanning

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Non Compulsory

Animal Hospital – Level C – Basic Optional

Level B – Basic Optional

Level A – Advanced with Echo – cardiographs & compulsory

3.4 Fiber Optic endoscopy

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Non Compulsory

Animal Hospital – Level C – Non compulsory

Level B – Optional

Level A – with video-endoscope and endoscopic surgical facility & is compulsory

4. Additional Services

4.1 Emergency and critical care (ECC) –

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Non Compulsory

Animal Hospital – Level C – Non compulsory

Level B – Optional

Level A – Compulsory

There can be special establishments which handle only emergency and critical care with specialized trained personnel and equipment attend to these types of cases 24*7

4.2 Pet Grooming (could be operated as a separate entity)

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Non Compulsory

Animal Hospital – Level C – Non compulsory

Level B – Optional

Level A – Compulsory

4.3 Pet Physiotherapy / Rehabilitation (could be operated as a separate entity)

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Non Compulsory

Animal Hospital – Level C – Non compulsory

Level B – Optional

Level A – Compulsory

4.4 Pet Boarding (could be operated as a separate entity)

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Non Compulsory

Animal Hospital – Level C – Non Compulsory

Level B – Non Compulsory

Level A – Optional

4.5 Mobile service

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Non Compulsory

Animal Hospital – Level C – Non Compulsory

Level B – Optional

Level A – Compulsory

4.6 Pet taxi service

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Non Compulsory

Animal Hospital – Level C – Non Compulsory

Level B – Optional

Level A – Optional

4.7 Pharmacy

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Non Compulsory

Animal Hospital – Level C – Non Compulsory

Level B – Optional

Level A – Compulsory

4.8 Cat Friendly Unit

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Non Compulsory

Animal Hospital – Level C – Non Compulsory

Level B – Optional

Level A – Compulsory

4.9 Dog training

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Non Compulsory

Animal Hospital – Level C – Non Compulsory

Level B – Optional

Level A – Optional

4.10. Dog breeding

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Non Compulsory

Animal Hospital – Level C – Non Compulsory

Level B – Optional

Level A – Optional

4.11 Isolation unit with bio security

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Non Compulsory

Animal Hospital – Level C – Non Compulsory

Level B – Optional

Level A – Compulsory

4.12 Puppy school

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Non Compulsory

Animal Hospital – Level C – Non Compulsory

Level B – Optional

Level A – Optional

5. Method of waste disposal:

Noninfectious waste – there should be Separate bins/containers for sharps, other medical/surgical waste, plastic/polythene/ paper animal excreta etc. (method of waste disposal should be in compliance with the requirements of the local authority)

Surgical and infectious waste – Availability of standard disposal arrangements for surgical waste, biological materials and other hazardous material Eg ; Incineration, deep burial.

6. Pest control – Need to have a regular pest control mechanism to maintain hygiene.

7. Security – CCTV coverage & nighttime security

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Non Compulsory

Animal Hospital – Level C – Non Compulsory

Level B – Optional

Level A – Compulsory

8. Fire safety & emergency exit – Fire extinguisher, alarms and marked emergency exits.

Animal Clinic – Non compulsory

Clinic & Surgery – Non Compulsory

Animal Hospital – Level C – Non Compulsory

Level B – Optional

Level A – Compulsory

9. Drug Storage Facilities

7.1 Area/ Place of storage - Dedicated drug storage area - Secure, clean, and not accessible to unauthorized staff or the public.

7.2 Authorized only access - Lockable cupboard / cabinet for controlled drugs (opioids), antibiotics, and restricted-use medications.

7.3 Temperature - Temperature control- Ensure room temp is stable (ideally 15–25°C) unless otherwise specified by label.

7.4 Accepted storage method - Refrigerator for cold-chain drugs - For vaccines, hormones, etc.

7.5 5. Record keeping - Documentation of drug receipts and use , Inward/outward register or software for inventory tracking and audit trails specially for hospitals