Shelter Sanitation Best Practices: Part 1



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Protect animals from disease

Protect staff, volunteer, visitor health





Create a welcoming environment

Use resources wisely



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Sanitation Goals

Creating a Sanitation Protocol

1. Assess shelter risk factors

2. Develop sanitation policies

3. Train staff/volunteers

4. Ensure consistent implementation























Staffing, Training & Compliance

Goal: Ensure staff can

efficiently & safely implement sanitation practices

Learn from past mistakes

Increase availability of supplies & PPE

Use double-sided housing

Spot clean, when appropriate

Maintain adequate staffing capacity





Sodium Hypochlorite - Bleach

POSITIVES	CAUTIONS
Cost	No detergent activity – requires 2 steps
Effective against non-enveloped viruses	Partially inactivated by organic matter & detergents/must be applied to clean surface
Stable for 30 days if stored properly but recommend to prepare 1x/week	Corrosive to metal
Effective against ringworm at 1:10 concentration*	Requires rinsing
	Respiratory irritant/caustic at high concentrations
bleach deodorizes & brightens an area water	Inactivated if exposed to light/heat

* however this concentration is caustic and not recommended



Calcium Hypochlorite

POSITIVES	CAUTIONS	
Cost	No detergent activity – requires 2 steps	
Effective against non-enveloped viruses	Inactivated by organic matter & detergent/must be applied to clean surface	
Attaches to any hose end	Must use with special applicator	
Less corrosive to metal than bleach	Not effective against ringworm	
Less of respiratory irritant/less caustic than bleach		
No rinsing required		
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Quaternary Ammonium Products

POSITIVES	CAUTIONS
Cost	Not reliably effective against non- enveloped viruses or ringworm
Easy to use	Can be toxic if incorrectly diluted
Stable in solution	Inactivated by organic matter & detergent/must be applied to clean surface
Some detergent activity	
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Potassium Peroxymonosulfate - Virkon & Trifectant

POSITIVES	CAUTIONS
Effective against non-enveloped viruses & ringworm*	Cost
Some detergent activity	Must use PPE with powder
Relatively effective in face of organic matter	Limited application - powder & tablet forms
Non-toxic	Stable for 7 days as solution
Non-corrosive as solution	
*variable efficacy against ringworm	Vertice Ctant Vertice Ctant Vertic



Accelerated Hydrogen Peroxide - Rescue

POSITIVES	CAUTIONS
Effective against non-enveloped viruses	Costly if overused
Good detergent activity – one step product	Must use PPE with concentrate
Effective in face of organic matter	
Non-toxic	
Non-corrosive at appropriate concentration	
Easy to use & multiple application systems	
3 yr shelf life & stable for 90 days as dilution	
Short contact time (1,5, or 10 min) based on concentration	
No need to rinse unless washing dishes	
Effective against ringworm at 1:16 dilution	
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http://www.aspcapro.org/animal-health/cleaning-sanitation



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Shelter Sanitation Best Practices: Part 2

Case Studies in Shelter Sanitation!



