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Cleaning Protocol for Vehicles and Equipment

Diseases Like to “Hitch a Ride”: Separate Yourself From Cross Contamination

- Contaminated transport vehicles can quickly spread diseases.
- Organic matter (shavings, feces) or water, mud or snow can carry pathogens on boots, clothing, tires, undercarriages, trailers, and people. These pathogens can infect healthy animals. Assume every animal you touch is at risk. Do not be responsible for pathogen transfer.
- Even animals that “appear” healthy can be carrying and shedding pathogens.
- Each employee must be aware of the importance of cleaning, disinfection and drying.

Vehicle Cleaning Protocol between calls:

Proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Disposable latex or nitrile gloves.

A blanket/sheet/towel must be used to cover the bed of the truck between animals. This will help protect the floor, so a full scrubbing would not be needed between each animal (simply replace the blanket/sheet/towel). Each individual crate or carrier must be lined with a towel/blanket. When an animal is picked up, its crate or carrier must also be covered with a sheet/towel/blanket. This is to help with confining disease to the crate the animal is in, and also provides stress reduction during transport.

Supplies:

- Blankets/sheets/towels
- Prevail[®] Spray Bottle or pump-up foamer

1. Don PPE
2. After animal has been removed from the vehicle, remove cage or crate, take blanket from the bed of the truck and place into laundry bag or discard.
3. Remove towel lining crate or cage, and place in laundry bag or discard.

4. Replace kennel or crate with a clean one and line with new towel
5. For used crates/carriers, follow full cage cleaning protocol before re-using.

Full Cleaning Protocol: Vehicles must be fully cleaned once per week.

Proper PPE: Disposable latex or nitrile gloves, yellow disposable gown, rubber boots (spray with Prevail[®] to disinfect) or disposable footwear (non-permeable shoe covers/agri-boots).

Supplies:

- Prevail[®] foamer attachment and hose/ or pump-up foamer
- Extra garbage and laundry bags
- Prevail spray bottle
- Paper towels/cloths for wiping
- Broom/dust pan
- Scrub brush
- Squeegee
- Clean towels (to dry)

Box of vehicle:

1. Don PPE
2. Remove **all** objects from the vehicle bed (clothing, boots, kennels/crates, equipment), and wash, disinfect, and dry them prior to replacing them back in the clean vehicles
3. Place dirtied blankets and any washable toys into clear plastic laundry bag (discard heavily soiled/contaminated items in the garbage).
4. Remove any feces, and spilled food/treats from vehicle box with broom and dustpan.
5. Using detergent and water mixture, scrub the box thoroughly with a scrub brush from top to bottom (ceiling, sides, floors, and windows) and from front to back. Make sure to get in the all the corners.
6. Rinse thoroughly with water from the hose.
7. Use squeegee to remove excess water if necessary.
8. Coat all surfaces of the vehicle box with Prevail[®] *Must ensure **5 minute wet contact time for Prevail[®]**

9. Towel dry or let air dry.

***Drying is a very important step for the prevention of disease and infection. You must make sure all areas are DRY before you replace all the cleaned equipment/crates/supplies and before an animal occupies that space.**

Cab of vehicle:

The cab of the truck, including floor-boards, pedals, steering wheel, gear shift handle, door handles, etc. must all be cleaned and disinfected.

1. Don PPE
2. Remove all objects (floor mats, equipment) and vacuum.
3. Scrub each floor mat with detergent and water mixture, then rinse with water
4. Spray floor mats with Prevail[®] pump-up foamer/or spray bottle, and **ensure a 5 minute wet contact time.**
5. Towel dry or let air dry.
6. Wipe down all surfaces (steering wheel, emergency brake, door handles, etc.) with Prevail[®] and paper towel or wash cloth.
7. Mist seats with Prevail[®] spray bottle, let air dry.

Cages and Crates:

PPE: Disposable latex or nitrile gloves, yellow disposable gown, rubber boots (spray with Prevail[®] to disinfect) or disposable footwear (non-permeable shoe covers/agri-boots).

Supplies:

- Prevail[®] foamer attachment and hose/ or pump-up foamer
- Extra garbage and laundry bags
- Prevail[®] spray bottle
- Paper towels/cloths for wiping
- Scrub brush
- Clean towels (to dry)

1. Remove dirty cages/carriers from vehicle (place on cement pad located by loading dock)
2. Remove feces/debris with paper towel
3. Scrub all surfaces with soap and water
4. Rinse with water
5. Coat all surfaces with Prevail® using foamer or spray bottle
6. Ensure a 5 minute wet contact time.
7. Towel dry or let air dry

Catch Poles, Nets and other equipment:

These items must be wiped down with soap and water, then sprayed with Prevail® after each use. Ensure catch poles are lubricated after washing to prevent rusting