

BEHAVIOUR AND SAFETY MANUAL FOR ACCESS AND PERMANENCE IN THE CLINICAL TEACHING LAB

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The clinical lab is a versatile place for practical activities on small animals and horses. Students can carry out manual clinical activities (i.e. clinical examination, sampling, etc.) and ultrasound activities on selected subjects, take discussion of clinical cases by using available clinicaldiagnostic data, simulate activities of diagnostic and interventional procedures using alternative teaching materials, as well as simulators or dummies. These activities, particularly those on small animals, are carried out by students divided into small groups on several properly prepared workstations. In contrast, clinical and ultrasonographic activities on the horse, restrained in the stock, are carried out at different times and is accessible to a single small group of students at a time. Students are allowed to enter only after the horse has been placed in the stock. Activities with the simulator are planned and coordinated by the teaching staff.



The specific ultrasound practice for students of Veterinary Medicine course as well as for postgraduate students attending the UNIBA Short Master in 'practical ultrasound of small animals' and those belonging to the National Ultrasound School SIUMB in Bari, is carried out in this didactic lab, equipped with four mobile workstations provided with ultrasound instruments. All activities are supervised by the teaching staff.



GENERAL RULES OF BEHAVIOUR

Students, professors, and tutors working in the clinical didactic lab have to wear greens or medical scrub and appropriate footwear, maintain a conscientious and respectful behavior, and turn have their mobile phones in silent mode or other electronic devices. In particular, if the activity takes place in the presence of an animal, students must keep a correct and calm attitude and perform all the necessary activities with extreme care in order to avoid risks to the animal and the operator. If a student or worker is bitten or scratched, the area must be rinsed with plenty of sterile saline solution, then disinfected, and the need for medical attention assessed. Students handling animals and biological material must wear the appropriate PPE (i.e. disposable gloves, footwear) and wash their hands at the beginning and end of each activity with soap and water or alcohol-based disinfectants, following the procedures described on the appropriate signs.



RULES FOR CLEANING THE ENVIRONMENT

The work surface, worktable and stock must be disinfected with appropriate disinfectant solutions after use (sodium hypochlorite 2%), already cleaned with appropriate detergents (tens active soap). It is forbidden to place mobile phones, sheets, forms, notebooks, pens, and other similar materials on the worktables in the presence of animals or biological material. Animal droppings must be removed immediately and disposed of in an appropriate manner.

The floor must be cleaned and disinfected at the end of the activity and/or between activities by the staff in charge and appropriately dressed, through the removal of dirt with cleaning solutions and subsequent disinfection with disinfectant solutions (if necessary).



WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES

At the end of the activities, all disposable PPE will be disposed of in the appropriate containers. Used teaching materials will be disposed of in the recycling bins (paper, plastic, glass and inorganic). Special waste with an infective risk, such as anything that has come into contact with organic material (cloth, paper, cotton wool, needle-free syringes, catheters, deflectors, etc.) will be placed in the appropriate containers. Sharps (needles, butterflies, scalpel blades, slides) will be disposed of in the appropriate needle box.

Everyone in the room will be required to wash their hands and apply disinfectant via the appropriate dispenser before leaving the room.

