

# 1. ANESTHESIA

**Objective:** Anesthesia services are provided in a manner that is safe, humane and effective for the species of patients that are treated. Measures are taken to ensure the safety of the work environment and exercise proper safeguards in use of anesthetics. Meeting these goals requires adequate and properly maintained equipment, effective biosecurity measures, diligent patient monitoring, safe and humane anesthetic protocols, preparation for emergencies and proper record keeping.

Exposure to waste anesthetic gases (WAG) has proven to have adverse health outcomes for humans. Exposure can be reduced through the use of appropriate administrative policies, work practices and personal protective equipment.

This ASPS is applicable to practices that perform injectable or inhalant anesthesia on animal patients.

Anesthesia performed on companion animals may only be performed in a hospital. An exception is a practice that is accredited to perform certain major surgical procedures with anesthesia (e.g. spays and neuters) on companion animals through a Surgical Mobile for Companion Animals.

## **B. MOBILE FOR LARGE ANIMAL AMBULATORY ANESTHESIA**

This is applicable for equine, food-producing animals and livestock. This ASPS applies when injectable anesthesia is used. (e.g. equine castration, calf umbilical hernia repair, goat dehorning, etc.)

	YES	NO	N/A
1. Equipment and supplies for the administration of anesthesia is appropriate for the species treated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Anesthetic equipment having direct contact with patients are cleaned and disinfected between patients, where applicable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Measures are in place to ensure the patient does not experience serious deviations from normal body temperature during anesthesia and recovery.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. There are agents for intravenous anesthesia suitable for the species treated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Anesthetic logs are maintained separately or in combination with surgical logs when injectable anesthesia is used for major surgery. Anesthetic logs provide a quick chronological reference to the anesthetic procedures performed in the practice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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6. Informed client consent (verbal or written consent) is documented in the record when performing anesthesia.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Notes Section: Describe the processes or procedures in place to meet the requirement; or, list the equipment, drugs, and supplies that are used in the facility to meet the requirement.**