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**Veterinary Safety & Sanitation Situations**

***Directions:*** *Every day veterinary staff are faced with situations that could be safety hazards or cause pathogens to spread throughout the hospital. Read the following situations and determine the best way to handle each situation.*

1. You are asked to mop the surgery room floor after all the surgeries have been done. When you go to do this, you are unable to find the surgery room mop. You know there is a mop for the kennel area. Should you use this mop? Why or why not?
2. As Carrie is cleaning the surgery room, she notices a pack of sterilized instruments has been opened, but not used. What should Carrie do with the pack?
3. A dog suspected to have Leptospirosis is brought into the hospital. What precautions should be taken to ensure that this dog does not infect other dogs or humans?
4. Jim is cleaning one of the exam rooms and finds several used vaccine syringes. What types of hazard do these represent and how should Jim dispose of them?
5. You are going to assist the vet while she takes x-rays on a parrot. How should you prepare yourself?
6. A new kennel worker starts today and it is your job to talk to him about safety. How would you explain an MSDS?
7. A technician carrying a large bag of dog food slips on a wet floor and hurts his back. How could this injury have been prevented?
8. A cat bites your hand while you’re taking it out of its cage. What disease could you get and how could you prevent it?
9. The vet wants you to clean and sterilize a set of surgical instruments. What are your options?
10. Every Friday Jane uses a special disinfectant to clean the exam rooms. She used the last bottle last Friday and the order for a new bottle has not arrived. The only cleaner she can find says “For Use in Outdoor Kennels Only”. Should Jane use the cleaner? Why or why not?