

Lesson Three – Best Practices and Design Options for Animal Clinic Design

Lesson Overview

In this lesson, participants will compile the things they have learned about animal clinics and best practices in clinic design as well as design their own animal clinic.

Lesson Objectives

After completing this lesson, participants will be able to:

- Identify essential components to a quality animal clinic
- Research special considerations as they relate to designing an animal clinic
- Demonstrate their knowledge through the design of an animal clinic

Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Materials	Preparation	Approximate class time
FOCUS	• Computer • Links to YouTube videos	1. Prepare YouTube videos for viewing	10-15 minutes
LEARN	• Computers • Animal Clinic Design Kit • <i>Clinic Layout Planning Form</i> • Graph Paper - optional • Pencils and erasers – optional	1. Print/photocopy <i>Clinic Layout Planning Form</i> handout for each participant 2. Gather graph paper, extra pencils, and erasers	90 minutes
REVIEW	• Animal Clinic Design Kit • Graph Paper • <i>Animal Clinic Design Critique Form</i>	1. Print/photocopy <i>Animal Clinic Design Critique Form</i>	20-30 minutes

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FOCUS: Introduce Designing an Animal Clinic

10-15 minutes

Purpose:

Participants will view short videos that demonstrates the beauty and flow of high-quality veterinary clinics. Participants will begin to identify which design elements they desire as they begin to plan their own animal clinic.

Materials:

- Computer
- Links to YouTube videos

Facilitation Steps:

1. Tell participants you are going to share short videos that showcase a variety of animal clinic designs. Ask participants to write down a few keywords that describe the design elements and environments they see in the videos.

Suggested videos:

30+ Amazing Veterinary Hospital/Pet Clinic Interior Design Ideas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XYIls-KdJLM>

Design Details with Hafen and Lewis: Tricks to make your veterinary clinic work

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvNaSSfklFM>

Design Details with Hafen and Lewis: Ways to keep your veterinary clinic clean

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UwWK0cZ-E14>

1 way veterinary hospital design can go wrong

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQNwxWROHng>

Interite Healthcare Interiors - Veterinary Clinic Concept Design Journey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DbNywL9qARQ>

Veterinary hospital design trends: Opulence is out, and personality is back

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lp20HAOU-dk>

2. Ask participants how they feel after watching the videos. Have them share some of the keywords they wrote down. Are they inspired and ready to create their own clinic space for animals?
3. Allow a few minutes to reflect on a quote from this video:
<https://www.dvm360.com/view/veterinary-hospital-design-must-include-people-wellness>
“We have to design animal hospitals with people wellness in mind.”
4. Ask participants what this means to them. Do they agree or disagree? Why?

Instructor note: If you are unable to access the recommended video, go to step 4 and reflect on the quote provided.

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LEARN: Explore Designing an Animal Clinic

1 hour 30 minutes

Purpose:

This activity will allow participants to compile all their research and learning into one final project: the completion of an animal clinic design that will demonstrate best practice for animals in their care. Participants will practice setting up their animal clinic with the Animal Clinic Design Kit.

Materials:

- Computers
- Animal Clinic Design Kit
- *Clinic Layout Planning Form*
- Graph paper - optional
- Pencils and erasers – optional

Facilitation Steps:

1. Distribute to each participant a *Clinic Layout Planning Form*. They should take time to record the necessary details that they will use in the following steps. This can be used by participants as a working document to gather the information needed as they plan their clinic layout.
2. You may provide optional graph paper and pencils as additional resources.
3. When participants have completed their *Clinic Layout Planning Form*, you may proceed to use the Animal Clinic Design Kit.
 - a) Divide the class into five small groups or give individual kits to five participants.
 - b) Each small group or individual should have a dry erase marker, microfiber cloth, design board, photo key card, and set of scaled tiles. 1/2" on the planning board = 1 foot.
 - c) Participants should use the information gathered and best practices learned to lay out the optimal animal clinic design for each space in the clinic.
 - d) The dry erase markers can be used to add details to each room, such as health and safety items and permanent fixtures.

Name: _____ Class: _____ Age Group: _____

Clinic Layout Planning Form

Directions: Use this worksheet to gather the information you will need when designing your space.

Key Question	Planning Notes		
What is the size of your clinic?			
What type of clinic will it be? Small animal, large animal, or both?			
How many animals will be in this space?			
What type of spaces would you like to include?	Space	Yes	No
	Reception area		
	Exam room(s)		
	Pharmacy		
	Laboratory		
	Treatment room		
	Anesthesia preparation room		
	Surgical room(s)		
	ICU		
	Hospital ward		
	Boarding facilities		
	Radiology and imaging room		
	CLINIC SPACE Planning		

What permanent fixtures are in each space? Sinks Windows Closets/Storage Walls Doors Other	Space and list of fixtures in each space
	1
	2
	3
	4
	5
	6
	7
	8
	9
	10
What other items (non-permanent) will be in each space? veterinary medical equipment, caging, cabinetry, furnishings, and workstations etc.	Space and list of items in each space
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REVIEW: Clinic Design Presentation

20-30 minutes

Purpose:

Participants will share their clinic design and explain the rationale for the design decisions made.

Materials:

- Animal Clinic Design Kit
- Graph paper
- *Animal Clinic Design Critique Form*

Facilitation Steps:

1. When participants have completed designing their clinic, have each group or individual present their design and explain their rationale for it. Complete a critique form for each clinic design presented.
2. If desired, have participants transfer their design onto graph paper for a grade or have them take a photo and email it to the you.

Animal Clinic Design Critique Form

Group/Individual: _____

Type of Clinic: _____

Design Strengths

Design Weaknesses

Additional Notes:
