Large Animal Examination and Housing Areas

This protocol may be applied to chute system, rails, chutes, equine stalls, stocks, hydraulic squeeze, walls, doors and floors to clean and disinfect.

1. _(assign staff member/position)_ will ensure that the large animal ward will be maintained in a state of cleanliness prior to and following housing animals and/or any procedures completed in such facility.

2. The floors will initially be scooped and free of fecal material. Fecal material will be transported by wheel barrel to _(identify area where uncontaminated animal waste is to be deposited; ideally compost area)_. Floors may also be swept if applicable.

3. The animal housing/treatment area such as chute system, rails, chutes, or equine stalls, stocks and walls, doors and floors should be sprayed and cleaned using a dilution device such as a Hydrofoamer with hot water and **detergent** (such as Nutrafoam, which is a neutral ph detergent). The area will be generally scrubbed and washed and free from any gross contaminant.

4. The ward should be left to dry. If area use is continuing within the same day, the area should be squeegied in order to remove as much water as possible.

5. The following day, after drying – the ward will be completely covered in _(disinfectant and strength)_, which is a broad spectrum disinfectant (virucidal, bactericidal and fungicidal activity); also using a dilution device, such as a Hydrofoamer, and then allowed to dry before using for another patient/procedure. Minimum of _(manufacturer recommended contact time)_

6. If time does not allow for complete drying before applying disinfectant solution, squeegee as much water as possible to the drain; apply disinfectant and allow a **minimum contact time** _(manufacturer recommended contact time)_ After this, if the area is needed; the disinfectant may then be squeegied off.

7. **Once a month** the ward should be cleaned with an acid de-scaling detergent such as Biofoam.