



BIOMEDICAL WASTE PLAN

Facility Name: Humane Society of Tampa Bay Animal Health Center

Address: 3809 N. Armenia Ave; Tampa, FL 33607

Effective Date: 08/13/2024 Revision Dates: _____

Office for this Facility: Practice Manager

Policy: It is the policy of this facility to handle and or store biomedical or infectious waste in compliance with all federal and state regulations. (**Florida Administrative Code, 64E-16**)

Definition of Biomedical Waste:

Any solid or liquid waste that may present a threat of infection to humans. The term includes but is not limited to, non-liquid human tissue, body parts, discarded sharps, human blood, human blood products, laboratory waste that contains human disease-causing agents, and body fluids.

The following are also included:

(a) Used, absorbent materials **saturated** with blood, blood products, body fluids, or excretions or secretions contaminated with **visible** blood; and absorbent materials **saturated** with blood or blood products that have dried.

(b) Non-absorbent, disposable devices that have been contaminated with blood, body fluids, secretions, or excretions **visibly contaminated** with blood, but have not been treated by an approved method.

Sharps: Any object capable of puncturing, lacerating, or otherwise penetrating the skin.

Sharps Container: A rigid, leak and puncture-resistant container, designed primarily for the containment of sharps, clearly labeled with the phrase and international biological hazard symbol as described in 64E-16.004(2)(b).



This facility produces the following items which are considered biomedical waste:
Animal carcasses after death, Removed animal body parts or fluids; Sharps from surgery
and treatment.

Training:

All at-risk employees must receive biomedical waste training upon hiring and must be updated annually, with records maintained on site.

Location of employee training records within this facility: Practice Manager file cabinets for employee files

SEGREGATION:

Biomedical waste is identified at the point of origin and segregated from other waste at its point of origin into a proper container.

Location of red bags: We use the red bags provided by Honor Thy Pet

Location of sharps containers: Wellness treatment area and lab, exam rooms, isolation, dog ward, cat ward, surgical prep and recovery, surgical suites.

Labeling & Packaging:

Biomedical waste bags and sharps containers shall be labeled with the generator's name and address unless treatment occurs at the generating facility.

Inner bags and inner sharps containers are exempt from the labeling requirements. Any residual or incidental liquid shall be contained within the inner bag or outer container.

When full and ready to store for transport away from AHC:

- 1) Apply a sticker with our Name, address, and phone number to the outside of each sharps container
- 2) Write the date of closure and initials of the person closing the container.

Transport:



Transport is the movement of biomedical waste away from a facility. A biomedical waste generator shall not negotiate for the transport of biomedical waste with a person who is not registered with the department as a biomedical waste transporter.

Name of registered biomedical waste transporter: Honor Thy Pet/EcoSwan

Location of manifests of transport/transport log within this facility: Practice Manager or Natasha

Storage & Containment:

Storage of biomedical waste at the generating facility shall not exceed 30 days. Indoor storage areas shall have restricted access, be located away from pedestrian traffic, and be vermin and insect-free. They shall be maintained in a sanitary condition, and constructed of smooth, easily cleanable materials that are impervious to liquids.

Location of biomedical waste storage area in this facility: Large storage room at the back of the hospital

The storage area is secured in the following manner: No access by the public; locked doors into the back of the building; hallway access limited to employees only, or limited access granted by employees.

Spills:

All surfaces contaminated with spilled or leaked biomedical waste shall be decontaminated as part of the cleaning process.

Name of EPA-approved tuberculocidal chemical:

Virkon Professional: Active Ingredients:

Potassium peroxymonosulfate 21.41%



Location of tuberculocidal chemical: Formula is mixed weekly or more frequently based on need; containers are found in every area for use, with a bulk supply under the sink in dog ward.

Emergency Contingency Plan:

If the contracted transporter is unable to transport the facility's biomedical waste, a backup registered transporter shall be contacted.

Name and phone number of backup registered biomedical waste transporter:
Stericycle will be contacted in the event Honor Thy Pet is unavailable.

Stericycle - Incinerator
Address: 254 W. Keene Road, Apopka, FL 32703
(800) 825-4907

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

PPE, as needed, shall be used by any employee handling biomedical waste.

Location of PPE in this facility: Gloves are found in Wellness, exam rooms, surgery prep, recovery, and suites as well as in pack prep, dog ward, cat ward, and isolation. Gowns are located in the anteroom to isolation/grooming; dental cabinet; eye protection is found in the anteroom to isolation/grooming and dental cabinet. Masks are found in wellness, isolation, surgery prep, and recovery.

- *PLEASE REFER TO F.A.C CHAPTER 64E-16 FOR DETAILED INFORMATION AND REGULATIONS.*

TRAINING RECORDS

Personnel receive a copy of the current and active Biomedical Waste Plan at hire, and also at the annual review, comprising training and updates to the protocol.

I, _____, have read the Biomedical Waste Operating Plan in full and have asked any pertinent questions to my supervisor to understand the procedures.



Sign: _____

Date: _____