

STANDARD PLAN - INSTRUCTION SHEET

A radiation safety and protection plan must be submitted with your application for a licence to possess radiation apparatus.

Radiation Health has developed this standard radiation safety and protection plan for small animal plain film veterinary diagnostic radiography based on the ARPANSA RPS 17, *Code of Practice and Safety Guide for Radiation Protection in Veterinary Medicine (2009)*.

This plan provides a simplified approach to assist small veterinary practices in gaining a licence to possess radiation apparatus, while still maintaining the desired level of radiation safety for staff, operators and anyone else involved in the veterinary diagnostic radiography practice.

If you are a small veterinary practice, you may either:

- (a) adopt and implement this standard plan with no further additions or amendment; or
- (b) develop your own plan. An information sheet to assist you in developing your own plan is available on the Radiation Health's website:
www.health.qld.gov.au/radiationhealth/healthrelated/veterinary.asp; or
- (c) contact a consultant who is capable of assisting you in developing your radiation safety and protection plan. A list of consultants is available from Radiation Health upon request.

As part of your decision about which alternative to select, you must consider how, and if, your practice is able to comply with the standard plan. If you have identified that the standard plan is unsuitable for your practice (e.g. your practice encompasses multiple premises), you must develop your own radiation safety and protection plan to specifically suit your practice.

For further assistance or advice you may contact Radiation Health on (07) 3328 9987 or email at radiation_health@health.qld.gov.au

If you choose to adopt this standard plan, you simply need to:

- include the possession licence applicant's name, and sign and date the plan, as indicated in the bottom left hand side of the plan; and
- submit the standard plan with your possession licence application.

The approved plan will be returned to the possession licence applicant, with the licence, if granted.

Possession licensees are required to fully comply with their radiation safety and protection plan