Veterinary Science
Preparatory Training for the Veterinary Assistant
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Surgical Preparation & Procedures

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Objectives

- Describe pre-surgery procedures
- Describe procedures for assisting in surgery
- Describe post-surgery procedures
Pre-Surgery Procedures

- Scrub room
  - Make accessible scrub soap, sterile brushes, shoe covers, caps, and masks
Prep room
- Prepare surgical site of patient
- Move patient to surgery room
- Sweep, vacuum, and mop floor
- Vacuum, scrub, and disinfect table surfaces
Surgery room

- Sterilize all equipment and supplies
- Vacuum, dust, and disinfect all surfaces
- Clean and disinfect surgery table
- Make accessible all equipment and supplies
  - Surgical packs left unopened
- Open outer layers of gown, gloves, surgical packs, and drapes while surgeon is scrubbing
- Secure tie strings on surgeon’s gown
A gloved surgeon must arrange the instrument table.
Post-Surgery Procedures

- Surgery room
  - Clean and sterilize instruments, accessories, and supplies
  - Clean and store equipment
  - Launder and autoclave gowns and drapes
  - Launder caps and masks
  - Scrub and disinfect room