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RCVS Practice Standards Scheme Modules state that the premises must be in good decorative order, clean and well maintained so as to create an atmosphere of clinical cleanliness and efficiency.

NationWide Laboratories offers various environmental screening packages where veterinary teams screen their practices to make sure that the standards are met.

The testing involves taking swabs of 10 critical areas. A sample kit with easy instructions will be provided which includes everything you need to effectively test your practice environment.

CERTIFICATE

When a 'CLEAN' report is issued, we will send the practice a certificate to be displayed to show that the practice provides gold standard levels of hygiene.

Contact us at info@nwlabs.co.uk to request your discounted 10 swab package and quote **discount code CLEAN20***

**The offer is valid until 31st December, 2024*

CLEAN PACKAGES



CLEAN Practice Cleanliness Screening: 10 swab package



CLEAN1 Practice Cleanliness Screening: individual swab



CLEAN ANNUAL Practice Cleanliness Screening: 12 month package (10 swabs every 3 months)

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The **CLEAN** test looks for any aerobes, anaerobes, yeasts, and moulds present. Any bacteria, yeast or mould grown will be identified.

Enterobacteriaceae family is a group of bacteria that is used to assess general hygiene status. This group includes species that originate from the intestinal tract of animals and humans, as well as plants and the environment and should be readily removed from equipment and surfaces by appropriate cleaning procedures. Their presence in high numbers therefore signifies inadequate cleaning.

Sulphite reducing Clostridia. *Clostridium spp* are gram-positive rod-shaped bacteria that form spores. These spores are extremely resistant structures that allow the organism to survive extreme environments. These are commonly found in soil and GI tract of humans and animals (NOTE: Spores can be difficult to eradicate and not all disinfectants will remove spores therefore this is an important test within this monitoring tool).

Pseudomonas spp are very widespread in nature particularly in water. Certain species such as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* are opportunistic pathogens generally infecting immuno-compromised patients. A significant number of species can produce *exopolysaccharides* that form slime layers and can lead to biofilm formation. Monitoring is essential to ensure adequate cleaning of surfaces and equipment.

Yeasts and Moulds are both fungal species and may be disease causing agents/opportunists. Environmental swabbing will monitor adequate cleaning solutions and procedures are being used.

MRSA lives harmlessly on the skin of around 1 in 30 people – usually in the nose, armpits, groin or buttocks. This is known as "colonisation" or "carrying" *MRSA*. *MRSA* can however, cause problems when it gets the opportunity to enter the body, with unwell people or animals being particularly susceptible. Good hygiene of staff, visitors, environment and equipment is essential to minimise transmission of *MRSA*.



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