# Definition

A “Mobile Veterinary Clinic” is a facility, which provides that form of clinical veterinary service for small animals of a fixed veterinary premise, which may be transported or moved from one location to another for delivery of a limited range of medical and/or minor surgical services in a trailer or vehicle through remote and/or indigenous communities.

It is expected that significant surgical and medical services be conducted at a fixed veterinary premise where this is available. Surgical services from a mobile facility is not appropriate in metropolitan areas except for contracted pro bono indigenous communities.

# Standards

1. A Mobile Veterinary Clinic shall provide ready communication for the public with the mobile veterinarian(s), including arrangements for out-of-hours and/or emergency cases.
2. All Mobile Veterinary Clinics shall:
3. not carry out procedures involving orthopaedic or thoracic surgery unless there are no other alternatives;
4. only carry out abdominal surgery with the maintenance of strict sterility;

(c) should provide a follow up service for the further treatment to allow the patient’s recovery;

1. have a trained assistant present during sterile procedures for the purposes of anaesthetic monitoring and to assist in maintaining sterility;
2. where general anaesthetics are administered, provide facilities for resuscitation of patients;

(f) retain all animals that have been anaesthetised until they are able to walk;

**(C)** A Mobile Veterinary Clinic shall be a vehicle or trailer specifically modified for the purpose, be maintained in a hygienic manner, and have the following:

1. Power source for diagnostic and treatment equipment
2. Collection facility for disposal of wastes
3. Adequate lighting, cooling , heating and ventilation
4. Impervious flooring and surfaces capable of being disinfected
5. Appropriate instruments, protective clothing for procedures being undertaken
6. Access to an instrument sterilisation facility
7. Holding facilities for patients
8. Lockable storage facilities for drugs which comply with the *Medicines Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act*
9. Provide facilities for the disposal of sharps
10. Provide facilities to prevent the spread of contagious diseases from premises to premises.
11. In addition to having lockable storage facilities, which must comply with the *Medicines Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act*, the vehicle used as Mobile Veterinary Clinic must be lockable and comply with government regulations.
12. A Mobile Veterinary Practice must have access to a clinic base that can provide the following:
13. Storage of drugs as required by legislation
14. Safe and adequate facilities and equipment for radiology, anaesthesia and major surgery.
15. Room/s for the housing is of a size appropriate to the animal housed and with adequate cooling, heating and ventilation
16. Complete medical and surgical records for all patients.

**(F)** **The vehicle used is to:**

1. Be clean and hygienic at all times
2. Have secure storage for carrying drugs as required by legislation
3. Carry sufficient stocks of veterinary stationery to enable medical and surgical records to be completed when house calls are made
4. Meet the requirements of local government by-laws and Public Health/ Environmental Health legislation
5. Carry sufficient instrumentation for a competent clinical examination and the performance of any minor surgical services offered.

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