Your 5 moments for Hand Hygiene



		Examples	When	Why
1	Before touching an animal	Restraining animal, clinical examination, handling animal	Clean your hands before touching an animal	To protect the animal against harmful germs carried on your hands
2	Before an aseptic/clean task	Wound care, injectable medication preparation, drawing blood, and IV catheter placement and manipulation	Clean your hands immediately before and after any aseptic or clean task	To protect the animal against harmful germs, including its own, from entering its body
3	After body fluid exposure	After contact with urine, feces, blood, saliva, and nasal discharge	Clean your hands immediately after an exposure to body fluids including after glove removal	To protect yourself, the environment, and other people and animals from harmful germs
4	After touching an animal	After clinical exams and treatments such as grooming, bandage changes, or administration of any medications or vaccinations	Clean your hands after touching an animal	To protect yourself, the environment, and other people and animals from harmful germs
5	After being in an animal's environment	When leaving an exam room, treatment room, barn, kennel or housing area	Clean your hands when leaving the animal's environment, even if the animal has not been touched	To protect yourself, the environment, and other people and animals from harmful germs





