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Preface

The material contained in this Veterinary Medical Unit Design Guide is the culmination of a partnering effort by the Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration's Office of Research and Development and Office of Architecture and Engineering. The goal of the Design Guide is to ensure the quality of VA facilities while controlling construction and operating costs.

This document is intended to be used as a guide and a supplement to current technical manuals and other VA criteria in the planning of Veterinary Medical Units. The Design Guide is not to be used as a standard design, and use of this Design Guide does not preclude the need for a functional and physical design program for each specific project, nor the project Architects' and Engineers' responsibilities to develop a complete and accurate project design that best meets the users' needs and applicable code requirements.

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Section 1

Introduction, Credits, Abbreviations, and Legend of Symbols

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Introduction

This document prepared by the Standards Division of the Office of Construction Management is intended to be a graphic consolidation of existing Department of Veterans Affairs standards and criteria. It contains data from the following sources:

- H-08-1 Master Construction Specifications
- H-08-3 Construction Standards
- H-08-4 Standard Details
- H-08-5 Equipment Guide List
- H-08-6 List of Equipment Symbols
- H-08-9 Space Planning Criteria
- H-08-13 Barrier-Free Design Handbook
- H-08-14 Room Finish and Door Hardware Schedule
- Various Technical Criteria pertaining to Architectural, HVAC, Plumbing, and Electrical
- Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards
- Consensus Information from the VMU Task Force
- Program Official - VHA

The VA also has other documents outlining design requirements for this facility and these can be found in the Table of Contents of the [Design Instructions to Architects and Engineers](#).

Our purpose is to make the Design Guide USER FRIENDLY, and to serve as an index to these sources when data is either too detailed or too broad to be included in this guide.

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The Veterinary Medical Unit Design Guide was developed as a design tool to assist the medical profession in better understanding the choices that designers ask them to make, and to help the designers understand the functional requirements necessary for proper animal care.

The guide plates contained in the VMU Design Guide are intended as illustrations of VA's furniture, equipment and personnel space needs. They are not meant to limit design opportunities. The design guide is not a standard design and should not be used as such.

This Design Guide is not intended to be project specific. While it does contain the vast majority of spaces that now are required in the VMU, it is not possible to encompass all possible future requirements. Therefore, it is recommended that the project-specific space program be the starting point for an individual project design. In addition, it is important to note that the guide plates are a generic graphic representation only. Equipment manufacturers should be consulted for actual dimensions and utility requirements. Use of this design guide does not compromise the project Architects' and Engineers' responsibilities to develop a complete and accurate design that meets the users' needs and appropriate code requirements.

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


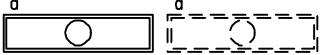
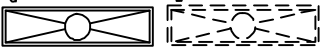


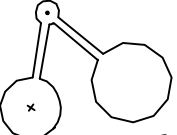
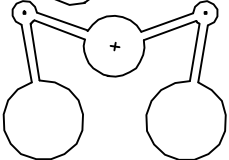

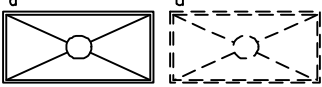
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ABV.....	Above	EXH.....	Exhaust
AC/HR.....	Air Changes Per Hour	F.....	Fahrenheit
A/E.....	Architect/Engineer	FC.....	Footcandle
AFF.....	Above Finished Floor	FL DR.....	Floor Drain
AI.....	Acquisition and Installation	FLUOR.....	Fluorescent
AR.....	As Required	GFI.....	Ground Fault Interrupter
AT.....	Acoustical Ceiling (Tile)	GWB.....	Gypsum Wallboard Systems
AUTO.....	Automatic	H.....	Laboratory for Fume Hoods
CC.....	Contractor Furnished and Installed, Construction Funds	H-08-1.....	Master Construction Specifications
CF.....	Construction Funds, VA Furnished, Installed by VA or Contractor	H-08-3.....	Construction Standards
CFM.....	Cubic Feet per Minute	H-08-4.....	Standard Details
CLG.....	Ceiling	H-08-5.....	Equipment Guide List
CMU.....	Concrete Masonry Units (Unit Masonry)	H-08-6.....	Equipment Symbols
CP.....	Carpet (without cushion broadloom)	H-08-9.....	Space Planning Criteria
CRP.....	Corrosion Resistant Piping	H-08-13.....	Barrier Free Design Handbook
CRS.....	Corrosion Resisting Steel	H-08-14.....	Room Finishes, Door and Hardware Schedule
CT.....	Ceramic Tile	HEPA.....	High Efficiency Particulate Air
EA.....	Each	HR.....	Hour
EA.....	Exhaust Air	HW.....	Medical Washing Equipment and Custom Fabricated Lab Equipment
		HZ.....	Hertz






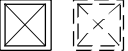




- J Laboratory Sink
- KW Kilowatt
- LAB Laboratory
- LB..... Pound, Pounds
- M Laboratory Furniture (Modular)
- MCS Master Construction Specification
- MIN..... Minimum
- MTD Mounted
- MUA Make-up Air
- NC Noise Criteria
- NFPA..... National Fire Protection Association
- NSF Net Square Feet
- OC..... On Center
- P..... Plumbing Fixture
- PCP Portland Cement Plaster
- PD Pressure Drop
- PF Power Factor
- PL..... Plaster
- PSF Pounds per Square Foot
- PSIG..... Pounds per Square Inch, Gauge
- QTY Quantity
- R Laboratory Sink
- RB Resilient Base (Rubber, Vinyl)
- REC..... Receptacle
- RH.....Relative Humidity
- S Laboratory Sink
- SA.....Supply Air
- SC.....High Build Glazed Coating (Special Coating)
- SD.....Standard Detail
- SFSquare Foot, Square Feet
- SPSpecial Faced
- SPDTSimple Pole Double Throw Electrical Switch
- SS.....Stainless Steel
- TShelving; Mop Racks
- VVolts
- VA.....Department of Veterans Affairs
- VC.....VA Furnished Contractor Installed, VHA Funds for Purchase, Construction Funds for Installation
- VHAVeterans Health Administration
- VLLaboratory Furniture (Conventional)
- VMU.....Veterinary Medical Unit
- VPVeneer Plaster
- VS.....Sterilizer Equipment
- VVVA Furnished and Installed -- VHA Appropriation
- WWallcovering (Vinyl Coated Fabric)
- WWatts

System	Description of Symbol	.cel Name	Drawing Symbol
Power Receptacles	DUPLEX RECEPTACLE - 20AMP - MOUNTED 18" AFF UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED	duplex	
	DUPLEX RECEPTACLE WITH GROUND FAULT INTERRUPTER 20AMP - MOUNTED 18" AFF UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED	gfidup	
	WEATHERPROOF DUPLEX RECEPTACLE WITH GFI 20AMP - MOUNTED 18" AFF UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED	wprdup	
	QUADRAPLEX OUTLET 20AMP MOUNTED 18" AFF OR QUADRAPLEX OUTLET 20AMP PEDESTAL MOUNTED	qdplex pdplex	
	ELECTRICAL STRIP MOLD 20AMP OUTLETS AT 2'-0" INTERVALS	plgmld	
	SINGLE RECEPTACLE - 20AMP - ON FLEXIBLE DROP CORD TO HANG 6'-6" AFF	dropcd	
	RETRACTABLE CORD ON A CEILING MTD. TAKE-UP REEL PROVIDE ONE 20 AMP SIMPLEX OUTLET AT EACH END	retcrd	
	CLOCK: BATTERY POWERED. "SW" DESIGNATES AN ELECTRIC CLOCK WITH SWEEP SECOND HAND	clokbp cloksw	
Switches	SINGLE POLE SWITCH	sw1pol	
	SINGLE POLE SWITCH-SUFFIX OF "a", "b", "c" INDICATES SEPARATE CONTROL OF FIXTURE(S) WITH SAME DESIGNATION	swspct	
	SWITCH WITH PILOT LIGHT	swpilt	
	WEATHERPROOF SWITCH	swwatr	
	TIMER SWITCH WITH OVERRIDE SWITCH FOR SELECTED LIGHTS	switch	

Legend of Symbols

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System	Description of Symbol	.cel name	Drawing Symbol
Switches	THREE WAY SWITCH	switch	
	FUSED OR UNFUSED DISCONNECT SWITCH	discsw	
	OPERATING LIGHT VARIABLE INTENSITY CONTROL	varsw	
Lighting	1' x 4' FLUORESCENT FIXTURE	lights	
	1' X 4' EMERGENCY FLUORESCENT FIXTURE	lights	
	ONE LAMP VERTICAL EMERGENCY FLUORESCENT FIXTURE USED IN ANIMAL CUBICLES	cubl1	
	RECESSED INCANDESCENT FIXTURE (NOMINAL 1' X 1' SQUARE)	radlt	
	CEILING MOUNTED EXAM LIGHT, SINGLE HEAD	lite1	
	CEILING MOUNTED OPERATING LIGHT, DOUBLE HEAD	lite2	
	2' x 4' FLUORESCENT FIXTURE	lights	
	2' X 4' EMERGENCY FLUORESCENT FIXTURE	lights	

System	Description of Symbol	.cel Name	Drawing Symbol
Telephone	TELEPHONE OUTLET MOUNTED 18" AFF UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED	teldsk	
	TELEPHONE OUTLET (WALL TYPE) MOUNTED 54" AFF UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED	telwal	
Miscellaneous Communications	COMPUTER TERMINAL OUTLETS - VERIFY EXACT NEEDS PROVIDE SIGNAL OUTLET(S) & POWER OUTLET(S) AS REQ'D.	comput	
Special Outlets & Receptacles	SPECIAL WALL OR FLOOR OUTLET FLUSH MOUNTED SPECIAL DEVICE AND MOUNTING HEIGHT AS NOTED	spcwal spcfir	
	JUNCTION BOX - PURPOSE AND LOCATION AS NOTED	junwal junclg	
Mechanical	SUPPLY AIR DIFFUSER	hvac	
	EXHAUST AIR REGISTER OR GRILLE	hvac	
	THERMOSTAT	therm	
Plumbing	COMBINATION FAUCET HOSE BIBB	hoseb	
	GAS, AIR, AND VACUUM OUTLETS	gav	

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