

# Easy Blade Care For Veterinary Clinics and Hospitals

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Most Veterinary clinics and hospitals have many blades and instruments they use in surgery, but not that good of a blade care program. The reason is most techs are not trained in this area, they're job is to assist the vets with patients so blade care is not a priority. After a blade is used in most cases its just layed on the counter until needed again, and this is actually a bad thing. Immediate cleaning is essential to keep the blades working, and lower your sharpening and blade replacement costs.

Blood and animal skin can actually dissolve stainless steel, its hard to believe but it does. So setting aside a blade with any of this material on it can ruin the cutting surfaces and make the blade unusable. But there is a easy managable solution to this problem.



Get an ordinary pickle jar, or peanut butter jar that has a wide mouth on it.

Fill the jar halfway up with ordinary blade wash like H-42 (ex: RyansPet.com sells it). Do not use water, bleach, or any water based cleaner or you will be sorry. Any good blade wash for clipper blades will do. Wahl, Oster, and Laube have blade washes also. You can Google for these items.

When you get done using a blade, clean the hair and obvious residues off the blade, then just put it in the jar to soak. You can leave the blades in there all the time if you like because blade wash should not hurt them. Use only a few at a time.

When you need to use a blade again, they are soaking and probably very clean from being in the blade wash. Open the jar and reach in with a pair of tongs and pull out the blade you need. Drop it on a paper towel and wipe as much of the blade wash off as you can. Pay attention to wiping any debris off the blade's teeth because it could be present from the cleaning action of the blade wash. Oil the blade, then use it as normal.

When done, clean the hair and any bloody or skin debris off the blade and return it to the jar.

This is an easy way to keep blades functional when there isn't a designated person to care for blades. Good Luck, this system has worked in many places, and is an alternative to a full blade care program.

