Sample Document: Written policy for dealing with infectious and zoonotic cases and overall infection control

**[Facility Name]**

Essential Standard: Biosecurity and Biomedical Waste Management

Objective: The reduction of risk, prevention, or control of infections or potentially infectious agents within the facility is important for the delivery of good veterinary care and for the protection of team members, clientele, animals and the public. The public is assured that there are safeguards in place to reduce the risk of exposure to infectious agents to them and their animals with respect to the facility. There are preventive measures in place to ensure that all team members working in or from the facility are protected from exposure to infectious agents. The facility maintains and adheres to appropriate and adequate infection control procedures

Requirement: The practice has a written policy for dealing with infectious and zoonotic cases, as well as overall infection control, such that team members are aware of said policy.

**Effective Date: [Date]**

Definitions: [If any]

Policy may include the following information:

* Procedures for overall infection control in the facility
* Procedures for effective containment of contagious diseases throughout the facility:
	+ How patients are identified
	+ How team members deal with potentially contagious animals entering the facility
* Procedures for effective isolation and care of infectious cases (isolation facilities or referred elsewhere)
* Measures to regularly audit and record adherence to infection control protocols within the facility (daily, weekly, monthly checklists)
* Training of team members on procedures
* Any reportable infectious or zoonotic disease and the reporting procedure

Signature of Facility Director and Responsible Team Members: