

Table S1. Indications for hand hygiene according to the WHO and examples.
The indications and examples have recently been published¹

Indications for hand hygiene according to the WHO	Example
After body fluid exposure risk	After contact with urine, feces, blood, secretions, drainage, measuring of temperature
After patient contact	After clinical examination, after care of inpatients
After patient surrounding	After contact with the animal box, the transport box, the treatment table, the examination material, the infusion pump, ultrasound device (when being used), anesthesia device, treatment protocol, patient sheet, water/ feeding bowl
Before clean/ aseptic/ invasive procedure	Before taking blood, setting intravenous access, punctures, changing bandages, manipulating infusion tubes, intubation, parenteral administration of medication, administration of eye drops
Before patient contact	Before the clinical examination, before the care of inpatients

¹Reference: Schmidt JS, Hartnack S, Schuller S, Kuster SP, Willi B. Hand hygiene compliance in companion animal clinics and practices in Switzerland: An observational study. Vet Rec 2021: e307.