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Handling of vaccines

Preparing the vaccine
- Follow the advice on the packaging/pack leaflet.
- Check dose rate, dilution rate if relevant, route of administration & precautions.
- Keep all equipment clean & suitable for purpose.
- If injecting, make sure needles remain clean, sharp & changed regularly.

Vaccinating an animal
- Restrain the animal competently & adequately to prevent injuries or accidents.
- Clean & dry the site of injection.
- Ensure correct administration route is used.
- Use recommended injection sites.
- The size of the needle is important depending on the type of injection:
  - Long = intramuscular
  - Short = subcutaneous
- Always use the smallest gauge needle for the product and volume to be injected.

Only vaccinate:
- Normal, healthy
- Rested, non-stressed
- Clean, dry
- Immunocompetent animals of suitable age, stage of pregnancy and nutritional status

Do not administer other vaccines, medicines or undertake other procedures at the time of vaccination without seeking advice.

Disposal
- Dispose according to the packaging/pack leaflet.
- Safely dispose of all used and unused vaccines, containers and equipment.
- Some vaccines may need to be inactivated before disposal.

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