

## Terms To Know

**Antiseptics** – solutions that destroy microorganisms or inhibit their growth on living tissue

**Aseptic** – being free of infection or contamination by microorganisms

**Biohazard** – medical waste that could cause infection; needles, scalpel blades, blood, body parts

**Carcinogenic** – cancer causing

**-cide, -cidal** – suffixes meaning to kill

**Disinfect** – to cleanse of harmful organisms

**Dosimeter** – a badge that records exposure to radiation that is worn when taking x-rays

**EPA** – Environmental Protection Agency

**FDA** – Food and Drug Administration

**Incubation period** – the period of time between infection and the appearance of clinical signs

**Isolation** – the process of keeping an animal by itself to prevent the spread of disease; quarantine

**MSDS** – Material Safety Data Sheet

**OSHA** – Occupational Safety and Health Administration

**Parasite** – an organism that grows, feeds, and lives on or in another organism while contributing nothing to the survival of the host organism

**Pathogen** – any microorganism that causes disease

**Quarantine** – the process of keeping an animal by itself to prevent the spread of disease; isolation

**Sanitation** – applying practices that make something more acceptable by cleaning it

**Sharps** – biohazard materials such as needles, scalpel blades, and syringes

**Sterilization** – the process of killing and removing all microorganisms

**Virus** – a pathogen consisting of a single nucleic acid surrounded by a protein coat and having the ability to replicate only within a living cell

**Zoonosis** – any disease that can be passed from animal to human