



## **Category 4: Facilities**

### **OPTIONAL**

**4.13 Practice prevents noise and vibration by implementing at least one (1) option from the following list.**

*Note: Not all options to meet this standard are featured here.*

#### **1-Isolate mechanical equipment**

*Examples include but are not limited to:*

- Placing mechanical equipment such as pumps far away from animal housing and treatment areas
- Providing full-height sealed sound isolation walls around noisy mechanical equipment
- Locate rooftop air handling equipment away from animal housing areas

#### **3-Prevention of unnecessary operational noise**

*Examples include but are not limited to:*

- Quiet casters for chairs: put rubberized casters on chairs (rather than hard plastic ones) to prevent clattering when chairs are rolled over tile or other hard floor surfaces
- Place mats under rolling chairs to prevent noise
- Use of door sweeps and “Cushy Closer Door Cushions” (<https://cushycloser.com/>)
- Quiet, regularly maintained clippers
- Dental machine vented away from animals
- Practice team members refrain from shouting or playing loud music

#### **4-Sound-dampening materials used in housing**

*Examples include but are not limited to:*

- Manufacturers of animal housing carry quiet latches and hinges for their products.
  - These can be specified with new cages or retrofitted to old ones.
  - Use these products when possible to eliminate slamming and squeaking.
- Insulated or solid kennel panels to prevent noise.