

Hospital noise checklist

Do you play music or TVs in waiting areas? Are there areas of the practice where people talk loudly? Where can you hear the sounds of animal boarding, treatment and equipment noises? Note the noise you hear throughout your practice and brainstorm steps to cut the ruckus and create a quiet, peaceful environment.

- Loud music
- Equipment noise
- Cleaning devices, such as a vacuum, power vac or floor cleaner
- Canine boarding, including barking
- Feline boarding, including hissing
- Traffic noise, including highway sounds, construction, sirens and so on
- Treatment area sounds, especially those that signal distress, such a fearful dog undergoing a nail trim
- Dinging door bells or alarms or jingling from a bell over the door
- ID tags clicking against collars
- Nails clicking on flooring
- Ringing phones
- Loud alert systems or machinery noise
- Loud voices
- Coughing
- Grooming sounds, such as clipping or trimming fur or nails
- Clanging or slamming of doors and gates

Note other sounds you hear as you move throughout the practice:

