

Health and Safety Alert

90% of injuries received in small animal veterinary practice are due to bites and scratches.

Whilst veterinary teams might accept the daily risk of being injured at work, these incidents can have a significant impact to individuals and to the practice.

- Huge costs to veterinary business
- A fifth of staff rated these injuries as "severe"
- Deep cat bites more common than superficial scratches
- Cat injuries require medical treatment
- Practices have a responsibility to mitigate these risks

Issues with current handling techniques:

Some restraint techniques can be extremely stressful to the pet and this may escalate into fear associated aggression

Research has indicated that current problems include:



- Towels offer little if no protection from teeth and claws
- Leather gloves are bulky and heavy handed
- Gardening gloves are commonly used but can still result in injury
- Most personal protection equipment (PPE) cannot be laundered so it retains scents that become offensive to cats and other species
- Inadequate restraint increases risk of stress, escape or patient injury

Features of the Venom Defender Animal Handling Glove

The Venom Defender Animal Handling Gloves have been used to restrain some of the most dangerous species in the world. Trusted by many veterinary experts in zoos, these gloves have finally come to the small animal veterinary workplace.

Dexterity

The glove is designed to be supple, and becomes more flexible with use, which allows maximum dexterity for the animal handler. This minimises the risk of injury or pain to even the smallest of furries.

Welfare

The features of the fabric allow for minimal restraint which reduces stress in your animal patient. The gloves are fully launderable which will reduce the incidence of scent-induced stress in cats and minimises the risk of disease transmission.

Protection

Advanced guard plate technology that offers bite pressure reduction and ultimate protection against punctures, scratches and needle stick injuries. Pre-curved shape for maximum comfort with full coverage design for hand and forearm.

Technical Data

- 3 layers of high dexterity performance SuperFabric® tested to EN388-EN420
- Advanced guard plate technology adhered to high performance fabric providing superior puncture protection
- Engineered to provide the highest level of hypodermic needlestick protection available on the market (Level 5 Hypodermic Needle- Hex Lab 3180)
- Specialised silicon gripping surface on palm
- Bite pressure reducing technology
- Machine washable at 30°C, dries within 6 hours
- Successfully tested for degradation against Disinfectants; 70% ethanol and Sodium Hypochlorite (ZSL London standard)



Guidance for the safe restraint of cats



Step 1: With the correct size of glove selected, prepare to greet the patient by adopting a positive demeanour.



Step 3: When restraining for the procedure utilise the dexterity of the glove to gain maximum control with minimal restraint.



Step 2: Approach the cat quietly and calmly, so as not to startle. Avoid eye contact.



Step 4: Gently move the cat back to its safe area.



the fabric of the glove for any damage and launder after use.

**Guidance from the veterinary team at Vital Pet Health Ltd.

Conditions of use for Venom Defender Animal Handling Gloves (HexArmor® PointGuard® Ultra Hercules R8E 3180 Gloves)

Venom Defender Animal Handling Gloves are highly punctureresistant and are effectively used against puncture wounds however they are not guaranteed to be puncture-proof.

Like any specialised equipment the fabric of the gauntlets should be regularly inspected and repaired or replaced as necessary. This is particularly important when the gloves are being used frequently.

Gloves should be stored in dry conditions in their original packaging. When stored as recommended then they will not suffer change in mechanical properties for up to 5 years from the date of manufacture.

Venom Defender Animal Handling Gloves are not waterproof

Venom Defender Animal Handling Gloves have been adopted by the small animal veterinary market but are ultimately not designed for this purpose.

Service life cannot be specified as this depends on application and responsibility of the user to ascertain suitability of the glove for its intended use.

Handlers wanting to use these gloves for handling cats and dogs must do so on the understanding that they are fully responsible for their own actions.

What the professionals say

"I don't think we should just accept these risks. I've seen lots of these injuries that need medical attention and I think practices could do more to avoid them. "Joanna, Head Nurse

"I've seen a lot of serious injuries and have been to hospital myself on more than one occasion." Sam, Head Nurse

"Not being able to restrain an animal properly can result in patient stress. I also believe that restraint equipment that can't be laundered can cause issues." Nikki, Practice Manager

"The technical specs of this product are amazing!" Hayley, Head Nurse

"Any equipment that is effective against bite and scratch injuries will soon pay for itself and undoubtedly save your business money in the long run." Paul, Vet

90% of professionals in our market research said that the dexterity of the Venom Defender Glove was the most exciting feature.



Animal Handling Equipment Specialists

1-2-1 (Animal Handling) Products Ltd is based in the United Kingdom. We are continuously working on projects with a number of leading veterinary surgeons, zoos and aquariums to find the best solutions in animal handling.

Our priority is to promote the highest health and safety standards for the animal handlers, whilst ensuring that the equipment design supports the highest level of animal welfare standards.

If you have any specific requirements or can't find the relevant product on our website then please contact us so we can discuss this and find a solution for you.

1-2-1 (Animal Handling) Products Ltd is a proud member of BIAZA - British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

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