

The Building for a M*A*S*H Clinic

Overall, the building for a M*A*S*H clinic must have moppable floors, a power source (or arrangements for lighting) and space in which a surgery area can be set up safely.

There is a Zen to this process. Consider the flow before setting up.

If there are overhead garage doors on the building, there must be a walk-in door as well. Extreme cold can be fatal to animals (especially cats) who are in recovery but still under the effects of anesthesia, and it's impossible to conserve heat if a garage door is being raised and lowered.

The clinic will "divide" the building into:

- A check-in area near the door (or outside if the building is small),
- A nearby holding area for cages or crates,
- A prep and surgery area,
- an area for washing/sterilizing instruments. A bathroom with a hand sink is perfect.
- A recovery area and
- A final holding area where animals inside their cages will go after recovery and while waiting to go home.



The M*A*S*H building should ideally have access to running water.

Make sure the electrical supply is adequate for the supplies/equipment you will be using; these may include portable heaters, air conditioners, medical sterilizers or autoclaves. When assessing the building, check out where electric receptacles are before setting up. If the electrical supply may be questionable, have generators on standby.