

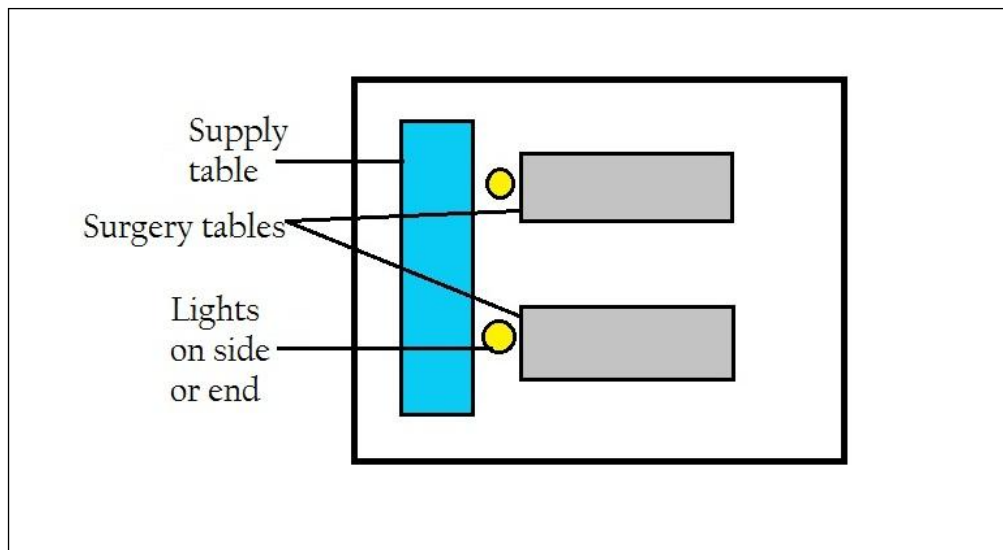
Safety in Your Set-Up

It should be easy and safe getting animals from the prep table to the surgery tables (there should be two surgery tables per veterinarian with an isoflurane machine for each table), and from there to the recovery area and back to their cages. Make sure that electric cords and water hoses are out of the way of foot traffic.

Be sure that the traffic flow for people to get throughout the building, including to bathrooms, etc are safe and easy.

A long table which makes a "T" with the two surgery tables can provide a convenient place for gloves, suture, the table top anesthesia machines, etc. Folding card tables are great for this purpose.

Lights can be placed at the head, sides or anywhere the veterinarian prefers.



The surgery tables should not be under a ceiling fan and if fans are in use, they should not blow toward the surgery or prep table.

If need be, use a sheet or drape to safeguard the surgery table from unwanted drafts. If you are in a storage building, garage or other building that may have surfaces that are difficult to clean, you can tape or tack surgical drape material or a clean sheet to the ceiling over the surgery table.