



GHS direct makes and supplies a comprehensive range of biodegradable and Cruelty Free hygiene products. Our disinfectant-cleaners are specifically formulated for use around animals, their living, eating, play and sleeping areas. Our animal hygiene products do not contain any harsh or hazardous ingredients. Our products can be used by professionals in the Animal Care Sectors, Veterinary Industry, Grooming, Leisure and domestic environments.

Our disinfectant-cleaners have been independently tested and meet all regulatory and accreditation standards. Vira-Care Broad Spectrum Disinfectant-Cleaner is also DEFRA Approved for General Orders and can be found on DEFRA's Approved Disinfectant List – see here: - [DEFRA's Disinfectant Approved for use in England, Scotland and Wales List](#).

All DEFRA Approved Disinfectant Products that meet test requirements, for that particular test carried out, and successfully pass, must sign an agreement with T&C's to guarantee that the product is and will always be made up in the exact same way that it was tested. Annual fees apply for DEFRA Approved disinfectants – company product(s), details and contacts are checked and renewed every 2 years. At any point a product can be randomly purchased and checked to make sure it meets the rules and conforms to that of its' guarantee!

Not only are our products tested and approved, they are also biodegradable and they carry the Leaping Bunny Logo – proof that we are **Cruelty Free** and **Approved!** GHS Direct became officially 'Leaping Bunny Approved' in August 2015. We are proud to be a cruelty free company. All of our own household, cosmetic and animal grooming products are approved under the Cruelty Free International Leaping Bunny programme, the best assurance a consumer can get that a brand is doing everything it can to be cruelty free.

GHS Direct believes that beauty, animal grooming products, household and cleaning products are approved under the Cruelty Free International Leaping Bunny programme, the internationally recognisable gold standard for cruelty free products. We adhere to a fixed cut-off date policy and proactively monitor our suppliers to ensure that our products continue to adhere to the Leaping Bunny criteria. Our supplier monitoring system is also independently audited.

For more information about the Leaping Bunny and Cruelty Free International, please visit www.crueltyfreeinternational.org

Our products are in-line with the required CLP Regulations - the **GHS** standard, CLP allows for the identification of hazardous chemicals and the communication of these hazards to users through labelling and COSHH Regulations. Our details are on the National Poisons Information Services (NPIS) Database for the biocide(s) we use in our products.

When in use, our products effectively clean and disinfect all surfaces to remove any harmful micro-organisms, prevent sickness and disease and protect the animal(s), their living areas and equipment. Our products will not cause harm, will not burn or corrode, they do not contain any ingredients likely to cause allergic reactions. Vira-Care has been specifically formulated to replace harsh chemicals that could damage or burn the skin of animals. Some chemicals when in use are dangerous to inhale – for both the user and the animals! It's important to check product information before use and follow the recommended guidelines! Always keep products out of reach of animals and store safely.

As many of you know, on 01 October 2018 the new Animal Welfare Regulations came into force – like many kennel and cattery businesses, who have inspections, they now need to meet strict requirements in order to renew their license and gain a star rating – many of our customers have successfully received 5 Stars and are extremely happy.

For more information on this act and how it may apply to you – visit here: -

[The Animal Welfare \(Licensing of Activities Involving Animals\) \(England\) Regulations 2018 No 486](#)

For those who are involved with animals, and their welfare, and seek renewal of a license you must consent to inspections of your premises, some are unannounced visits, and you must comply with many conditions, not just the cleaning and hygiene of animal living areas!

In the AWR18 document, the main area of focus for us, is covered in sections: -

Schedule 2 -

General Conditions, Suitable Environment – pg15 & 16, No5, point 5.

Protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease – pg 17, No9, point 4 & **11**

(11) Cleaning products must be suitable, safe and effective against pathogens that pose a risk to the animals and must be used, stored and disposed of in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and used in a way which prevents distress or suffering of the animals.

We are always available to offer advice on our products and your biosecurity regimes.

Our products are compliant with this new regulation and we wanted to confirm this direct to you. We have had lots of positive feedback from Customers with the outcome of their inspections and they have encountered no problems renewing their license.

Our main objective is to care for all animals, care for your needs and care for our environment – we're here to help and we have the right solutions for you!

