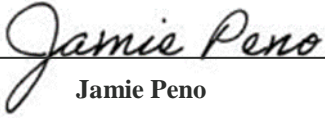
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## PURPOSE

Animal Welfare Regulations require a veterinarian as a component to the animal care and use program. Adequate veterinary care must be provided for all animals used for research or teaching purposes at UNT.

## SCOPE

It is the responsibility of UNT Attending Veterinarian, Principal Investigators, and Lab Animal Staff to ensure appropriate and adequate veterinary care is provided to all animals used for research or teaching.

## DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

UNT- University of North Texas, Denton  
IACUC- Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee  
SOP/SOP's- Standard Operating Procedure(s)  
PI- Principal Investigator  
USDA- United States Department of Agriculture  
LAF- Laboratory Animal Facility  
AV- Attending Veterinarian

## PROCEDURES

- I. The Attending Veterinarian has overall responsibility for emergency health matters at the request of LAF and research staff.
  - A. The veterinarian may assign or direct a veterinary technician or designee to triage emergency health of other clinical matters.

- B.** Participates as a voting member of the IACUC.
- C.** Reviews all animal related protocols, USDA species annual reviews and those amendments that affect animal welfare that are submitted to the IACUC.
- D.** Provides veterinary oversight on approved research/training projects.
- E.** Assures that appropriate facilities, personnel, equipment, and services are available and comply with applicable regulations.
- F.** Assures the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose and treat diseases and injuries.
- G.** Provides “on-call” animal health support on an ongoing basis including weekends, holidays and after regular business hours or arranges back-up veterinary care in their absence.
- H.** Is responsible for coordinating the daily observation of all research animals to assess their health and well-being.
- I.** Staff must communicate to the veterinarian any problems of animal health, behavior and well-being.
- J.** Provides guidance to principal investigators and other personnel involved in the care and use of animals regarding handling, immobilization, anesthesia, analgesia, tranquilization, and euthanasia.
- K.** Assures adequate pre-procedural and post-procedural care is in accordance with current established veterinary medical procedures.

## **REFERENCES**

1. The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.
2. Animal Welfare Act

## **APPENDICES**

IACUC Standard Operating Procedures