

Who Should Participate

Personnel included are those involved in the direct care of animals and their living quarters and those individuals who have direct or environmental contact with animals (live or dead), their viable tissues (formalin fixed tissues are excluded), body fluids or wastes.

This includes all:

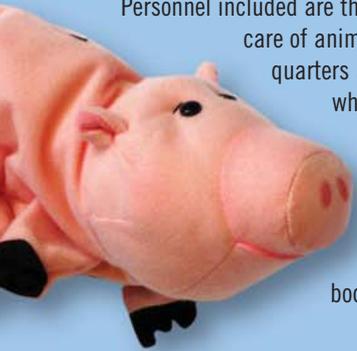
- University Animal Care (UAC) staff
- Investigators and their technical staff
- Instructors and students involved with animal related work.

and some personnel in:

- Facilities Management
- Security
- Custodial Services

as well as students, consultants, volunteers and visiting scholars who will have animal contact.

Prior to exposure to animals, their viable tissues, body fluids, or wastes, you must have obtained IACUC certification, which includes submission of the Risk Assessment Questionnaire (RAQ) to the Campus Health Occupational Health Service.

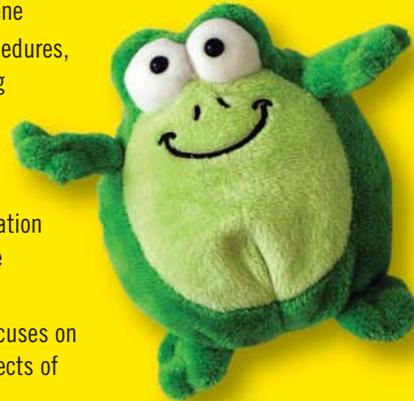


Introduction

The purpose of this program is to reduce the health risk of using animals in research and teaching to an acceptable level. The program components are:

- Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment
- Personnel Training
- Personal Hygiene
- Facilities, Procedures, and Monitoring
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Medical Evaluation and Preventive Medicine

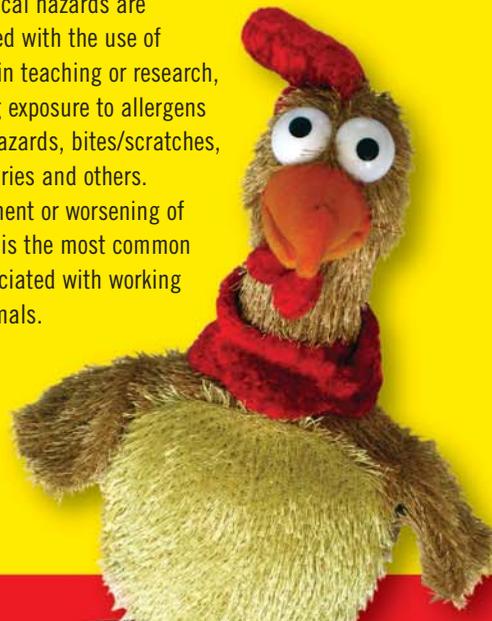
This brochure focuses on the medical aspects of the program.



Types of Risks

Many different kinds of physical, environmental, or biological hazards are associated with the use of animals in teaching or research, including exposure to allergens and biohazards, bites/scratches, back injuries and others.

Development or worsening of allergies is the most common risk associated with working with animals.



To review the complete Animal Hazards Program policy document, visit:

iacuc.arizona.edu/animalhazardsprogram.shtml

Important Phone Numbers

(All numbers are within area code 520)

Occupational Health-AHP	621-2568
Campus Health Walk-in Clinic	621-4427
IACUC Office	621-9305
University Animal Care	626-6702
Risk Management	621-1790
After Hours On Call Provider	570-7898

For Emergencies Call 911

In the event of a life threatening illness or serious injury, call 911 immediately for emergency assistance.

Location & Contact Info



Highland Commons
1224 E. Lowell St.
Tucson, AZ 85721
(Northwest corner of
Highland & 6th Street)
Phone: 520-621-6490
Fax: 520-626-2416



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ANIMAL HAZARDS PROGRAM

WORKER PROTECTION

Resources, requirements and information for those involved in the care and use of animals.



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INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE & USE COMMITTEE (IACUC)

Risk Assessment

All participants are required to submit a RAQ. The Occupational Safety Designee (OSD) or supervisor in each lab/department will complete the demographic and exposure sections; the participant will complete the confidential medical information. Both sections of the RAQ are available online and should be submitted electronically at animalhazards.arizona.edu.

For participants who are not able to submit their forms electronically, please contact the Program Coordinator at 520-621-2568 or email dugger@health.arizona.edu.

An Occupational Health professional will review the RAQ and assign a basic occupational health care (BOHC) category(ies) that reflects the general surveillance needs of the individual

based on real or potential occupational exposure to specific species of animals. The assessment of risk will also be based upon frequency of contact, intensity of exposure, hazards associated with the animals being handled, hazardous properties of agents used in research, the susceptibility of individual employees, the hazard-control measures available, and the occupational history of individual employees.



Notification From Occupational Health

After review, the participant and the OSD/supervisor will be sent an email acknowledging receipt and advising of any follow up that is needed.

The RAQ must be updated whenever an employee changes jobs, exposures, animal species, or has a change in health status.

Basic Occupational Health Care (BOHC)

After reviewing the RAQ, the Occupational Health professional may request a clinic visit. The recommendations made by the provider at the visit will be based on the functional requirements of the position, the type of animal contact, and the individual's medical history.

Depending on specific exposures, the following vaccinations/tests may be recommended: tetanus, rabies or rabies titer, influenza, and either a biannual or annual Tb Skin Test (TST).

Final recommendations will be based upon individual risk assessment and may vary from the above.

Declinations

All participants must complete and submit the RAQ. Depending on an individual's specific job requirements, some participants may decline to participate further in the program by completing the Medical Surveillance Program Declination form. Most participants may decline individually recommended immunizations/tests by completing a declination form. The IACUC and OSD/Supervisor are notified of all declinations. They will determine if the declination places the employee at undue risk and will work with the employee individually to address concerns.



Medical Recall

Participants are periodically recalled for medical follow-up depending on the specific type of animal exposure and their particular BOHC protocol.

Exemptions

See the AHP Policy at: www.iacuc.arizona.edu/animalhazardsprogram.shtml for exemptions. Requests for exemptions must come from the OSD/supervisor.

Non-Compliance

Refusal to comply with policy or procedures may result in denial of facilities access, a hold being placed on protocols for animal ordering, or withdrawal of protocol authorization or participation.

Other Worker Protection Programs

Participants may be asked to participate in other worker protection programs, such as the Hearing Conservation Program (risk.arizona.edu/healthandsafety/hearingconservation) and the Respiratory Protection Program (risk.arizona.edu/healthandsafety/respiratoryprotection).

Monkey Injuries/Exposures

Due to the life-threatening nature of a possible exposure to Herpes B from an infected monkey, special procedures exist. Instructions are included in Monkey Exposure Kits located in all monkey rooms. Please familiarize yourself with these procedures if you are working with monkeys.

Work Related Injuries/Exposures

All injuries and all exposures resulting in allergic reactions, rashes, respiratory symptoms, eye irritation, etc., without exception, should be reported immediately to the OSD or supervisor. The employee should then be medically evaluated as follows:

Weekdays between 8am-4:30pm,
Wednesdays between 9am-4:30pm: Report to the Urgent Care Center (621-4427) at the Campus Health Service.

After work hours: Report to any Urgent Care facility or Emergency Room and inform them that your Workers' Compensation Carrier is the Arizona Department of Administration, Risk Management Section.

When an injury or illness has occurred, a Supervisor's Report of Employee Injury/Illness form (available at risk.arizona.edu/forms) must be filed with the University of Arizona Department of Risk Management and Safety within 7 calendar days. This requirement is for your protection and to improve workplace safety.

Several of the agents responsible for viral, bacterial, fungal and parasitic infections in laboratory animals are capable of infecting humans. Employees are counseled to report any gastrointestinal, eye, respiratory or skin illnesses that may resemble the signs or symptoms of infections in the animals for which they are caring.

