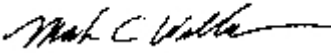




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## **PURPOSE**

To provide the highest quality of care for birds housed in Animal Care Services Facilities in order to prevent the development of disease or disorders which could compromise research.

## **ANIMAL HEALTH MONITORING**

- A. **Daily:** the Principle Investigator, Graduate Students, Technician or Animal Care Personnel must observe all animals.
- B. **Daily:** All animals must be observed for any evidence of disease, injury, illness or a change in behavior.
- C. The “Daily Observation Record” must be completed. Record by the correct date and day the following information:
  - 1. The number of animals observed.
  - 2. The health status of the animals.
  - 3. The ID of any animal that has evidence of disease, injury, illness or a change in behavior and any comments.
  - 4. Initials of the observer.
- D. All animal health comments must be recorded on an individual “ANIMAL TREATMENT /OBSERVATION FORM”.

## **HEALTH CARE**

Everyone with access to the animal facility is responsible for informing the University Veterinarian when an animal becomes ill or a change in behavior is noted. Seriously ill animals should be reported **IMMEDIATELY** to the veterinarian. When an investigator, technician or animal care personnel requires veterinary care they should:

- A. Complete the “Animal Observation Report” in the Notebook. Indicate date, room number, animal number/cage ID, problem observed and name or initials of the person making the report.
- B. Contact the University Veterinarian or ACS Manager:
  - 1. Dr. Tiffanie Brooks, University Veterinarian, Animal Care Services.  
806-834-8588 Office  
806-239-2120 Cell Phone
  - 2. Carla Grisham, Manager, Animal Care Services.  
806-834-3437 Office  
254-913-5156 Cell Phone



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- C. Provide all the above information to the veterinarian and you will be advised and authorized on what action you should take.