PURPOSE: To provide the highest quality of care for Leopard Frogs housed in the Animal Care Services Facility in order to prevent the development of disease or disorders that could compromise research studies.

I. ANIMAL HEALTH MONITORING

A. The Principle Investigators, Graduate Students and/or Animal Laboratory Technician observe the animals daily.

B. All animals are observed for any evidence of illness or a change in behavior and the “Daily Observation Record” is completed.

C. Record the minimum and maximum temperature on the room temperature chart. Check the room for operational deficiencies. Report any problems to the ACS Facility Manager.

D. Aged/dechlorinated tap water is replaced as often as necessary. Water bowls are cleaned at least once a week. Crickets and/or meal worms are offered 3 times per week.

E. When an investigator, technician or animal care personnel wants the veterinarian they should follow the directions under “Health Care”.

II. OCCUPIED ANIMAL ROOMS SANITATION

A. Floors are swept and mopped with disinfectant mixed according to the manufactures suggestions at least once a week.

B. Door frames and vents are sponge mopped with disinfectant solution once a week.

C. Floors, walls and ceiling are hosed down, mopped and sprayed with disinfectant solution once a month.

D. Separate mops are provided outside the room.

III. SANITATION/AQUARIUM CHANGES
A. Soiled substrate is changed once a month minimum.

B. Water pans changed twice a week minimum.

C. Aquaria is changed once a month and washed in mechanical cage washer.

IV. 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 assistance, they should:

A. Complete the “Animal Observation Report” in the Notebook. Indicate the date, room number, animal number/cage ID, and problem observed, and ensure that the name (or initials) of the person making the report is recorded.

B. Contact the University Veterinarian or the ACS Facility Manager at:

Dr. Tiffanie Brooks, University Veterinarian, Animal Care Services.
806-834-8588 Office
806-239-2120 Cell Phone

Carla Grisham, Manager, Animal Care Services.
806-834-3437 Office
254-913-5156 Cell Phone

1. Provide all the above information to the individual contacted above, who will give advice and authorization for the action(s) that should be taken.