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PURPOSE: To provide the highest quality of care for livestock housed in an Animal Care Services Facility, at the New Deal Farm, the Equestrian Center or Dub Parks in order to prevent the development of disease or disorders that could compromise research studies.

I. ANIMAL HEALTH MONITORING

- A. Daily: the Principle Investigator, Livestock Worker, 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 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 the "ANIMAL TREATMENT/OBSERVATION RECORD".

II. HEALTH CARE

Everyone with access to the animal facility is responsible for informing the Clinical 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 Treatment Record" in the Notebook. Indicate the date, room number/ pen number/animal number/cage ID, the problem observed, and ensure that the name (or initials) of the person making the report is recorded.



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B. Contact the Clinical 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

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