



Title: Mascot Health Care

SOP Number: 012

Purpose: To provide the highest quality of care to the Masked Rider Horse in order to prevent the development of disease or disorders that could compromise the health and ability to perform as the University Mascot.

HOUSING

The mascot is housed in a dedicated stall at a minimum of 12'x24' in animal pen area of the meat lab/livestock arena, but will have access to the open arena area when no other events are being held, as a means for daily exercise. Feed, stall supplies, etc. will be housed in a 6X8 shed located next to the stall. It is possible, the mascot could also be housed at TTEC.

ANIMAL HEALTH MONITORING

- A. Daily: Masked Rider, assistant, or the Principle Investigator, must observe the mascot for any evidence of disease, injury, illness or a change in behavior.
- B. The "Daily Observation Record" will be completed. Record by the correct date and day the following information:
 - 1. The number of animals observed.
 - 2. The health status.
 - 3. Initials of the observer.
- C. All animal health comments must be recorded on the "ANIMAL TREATMENT /OBSERVATION RECORD". These comments will include the condition, diagnostics, treatment and outcome of any health related issues.
- D. All routine health care is performed under the direction and approval of an Animal Care Services Veterinarian and Dr. Sam Jackson.

ROUTINE HEALTH CARE

- A. Vaccinations will be given annually by the ACS veterinarians. Vaccinations include Eastern, Western Encephalitis, Tetanus, Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis, West Nile Virus, and Rabies.
- B. Anthelmintics will be administered on a quarterly rotation to avoid resistance of parasites.
- C. Routine dentistry (floating) will be performed annually by an experience equine dentist.
- D. Every 4-6 weeks, hooves are trimmed and shod by a farrier.
- E. Coggins testing will be performed annually by the ACS veterinarians.
- F. It is everyone's responsibility to inform an Animal Care Services Veterinarian when an animal becomes ill or a change in behavior is noted.
 - 1. When an investigator, student or facility personnel detects an animal issue, they should:
 - a. Complete the "TREATMENT/OBSERVATION FORM" in the Notebook.

- b. Indicate the date, problem observed and name or initials of the person making the report.
 - c. If any treatment was given record drug, dose, times applied/administered.
 - d. Make sure to always record the outcome.
- 2. Serious illness or injury should be reported **IMMEDIATELY**.
 - 3. Contact the Unit Manager, Animal Care Services Veterinarian, or Facilities Manager:

Mascot Manager
806-834-7185 Office
806-786-4340 Cell Phone

Attending Veterinarian
806-834-8588 Office
806-239-2120 Cell Phone

Clinical Veterinarian
806-834-7373 Office
660-562-4425 Cell Phone

Facilities Manager
806-834-2872 Office
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