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 his health and ability to perform as the University Mascot.

I. 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”.

D. All routine health care is performed under the direction and approval of the University Veterinarian and Sam Jackson.

E. Health Care is described in the ACUC Protocol “University Mascot”

II. 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, ACS Facility Manager or PI at:

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

3. Sam Jackson, Faculty, Animal & Food Sciences
   742-2805 ext. 232
   786-4340 cellular 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.