PURPOSE:
To provide the highest quality of care to various livestock animals held for show, teaching, research studies or slaughter at the Texas Tech University Meat Laboratory. Animals intended for slaughter in the TTU Abattoir must adhere to USDA standards for the slaughter of animals.

ANIMAL HEALTH MONITORING
A. Animals on approved ACUC protocols can be housed at the Meat Lab facility for periods of time to facilitate teaching, research and demonstration objectives. For this purpose, livestock pens are available and animals may be kept in pens in the main body of the arena.

B. Horses, cattle, sheep, goats and pigs may be housed at this facility. Animals may originate from the herds and flocks at the New Deal farm, be purchased from vendors or on loan from livestock producers.

C. Typically, animals are housed for one to five days. However, cattle, sheep, goats, or horses can be housed at the Meat Lab for up to three weeks. Pigs can be housed for up to 10 days.

D. During the time at the facility, all animals will have ad libitum access to water. Animals housed at the facility for more than 18 hours will be hand-fed at least once a day. The ration will be similar to the rations approved at the New Deal farm and will meet or exceed nutrient requirements for that species.

E. Pens will be cleaned at least once per day while animals are in the facility. Cleaning involves picking up soiled bedding or hosing the solid concrete-floored pens. After animals leave, all bedding will be removed, pens will be cleaned, then a disinfectant such as bleach, will be used to clean the facility prior to new animals arriving.

F. The pen floor space area and water availability are to be provided for each species and will meet or exceed the space requirements in the Ag Guide (2010).

G. Animals will be observed at least once per day. The daily observation sheet will be initialed by the animal caretakers for each species being housed. Animal health or treatment records will be kept at the facility.

H. All animal activities must be approved on a specific teaching or research protocol.

THE TTU mascot may be housed permanently at this facility, as per SOP012 Mascot Health Care

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 Observation Report” in the Notebook. Indicate the date, pen location, animal number/ID, and problem observed, and ensure that the name (or initials) of the person making the report is recorded.

B. Contact the Animal Care Services staff at:

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

Dr. Paul Stonum, Clinical Veterinarian, Animal Care Services
806-834-7373 Office
660-562-4425 Cell Phone

Sydnee Woodman, Manager, Animal Care Services.
806-834-2872 Office
602-758-0670 Cell Phone

Tate Corliss, Meat Lab Manager
806-834-1610 Office

Ryan Rathmann, Faculty, Animal & Food Sciences
806-834-7820 Office
806-789-6725 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.

References