The following guidelines have been established for individuals working with Wild Animals:

- You should have a current Tetanus/diptheria (Td) vaccination: (one that can be documented within last 10 years).
  - It is highly recommended that you receive a Td booster if you experience a significant injury and your vaccination was administered more than 5 years previous.
  - It is highly recommended that you receive a Td booster if you have not been vaccinated within the last 10 years.

- Appropriate PPE should be provided where hazards exist.

- A Respiratory Protection Program is available for any employees/students working in dusty (feeds, hay, dried animal waste, etc.) environments requiring a half face or full-face respirator for respiratory protection. All employees and students working in these environments must enroll in the University’s Respiratory Protection program (TTU OP 60.05). Visitors should be warned of the nature of the dusts (allergies, ocular/nasal irritation), and exposure limited by short duration in the area for touring purposes only.
  - This program includes medical examinations with a yearly physician’s statement of medical qualification to wear a respirator.
  - Yearly respirator fit testing is required for half or full-face respirators, and will be performed by TTU-EH&S.

- All employees and students should be aware of the potential physical risks associated with the particular species with which they will be working. The risks may include, but are not limited to, bites and scratches.

- All employees and students should be properly trained in handling and trapping techniques with the particular species with which they will be working. For appropriate training, please contact your supervisor.

- All employees and students should be aware of potential allergens associated with the particular species with which they will be working.

All employees and students should be aware of the potential zoonoses (See appendix 1 and 10) associated with the species with which they will be working and may specifically include information on arthropod-borne diseases, especially those transmitted from rodents via fleas and ticks.