

**The following guidelines have been established for individuals working with Domestic dogs or cats:**

- The Tetanus/diphtheria (Td) vaccine/titer is required for all animal handlers. You must have a current Tetanus/diphtheria (Td) vaccination or booster (one that can be documented within the last 10 years).
  - It is 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 recommended that you receive a Td booster if you have not been vaccinated within the last 10 years.
- You should wear adequate personal protective equipment (PPE), appropriate for the job, class, or 'task at hand'.
- A Respiratory Protection Program is available for any employees/students working in environments that require a 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).
  - 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 all respirators (including N95/100, P95/100, and R95/100 disposable respirators), and will be performed by TTU-EH&S.
- All employees and students should be properly trained in handling techniques specific to the particular with which they will be working. For appropriate training, please contact your supervisor BEFORE beginning animal work.
- 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 physical hazards associated with the particular species with which they will be working. These hazards may include, but are not limited to, bites and scratches.
- All employees and students, who handle, and/or obtain samples from mammals known to be high risk for rabies transmission should carefully consider pre-exposure rabies immunization. See IACUC Policy 023
- All employees and students will be provided zoonosis information for the particular species with which they will be working.