Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee		UNTHSC
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A. RESPONSIBILITIES

a. It is the responsibility of the University of North Texas Health Science Center's Attending Veterinarian, IACUC members and investigators to abide by this policy.

B. PROCEDURES

a. Duties of the Veterinarian:

i. Has overall responsibility for emergency health matters at the request of DLAM and research staff. The Vet may assign or direct a veterinary technician or designee to triage emergency health of other clinical matters.
ii. Participates as a voting member of the IACUC.
iii. Reviews all animal related protocols, annual reviews and those amendments that affect personnel or animal welfare that are submitted to the IACUC.
iv. Provides veterinary oversight on approved research/training projects.
v. Assure that appropriate facilities, personnel, equipment, and services are available and comply with applicable regulations.
vi. Assures the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose and treat diseases and injuries.
vii. Provides "on-call" animal health support on an ongoing basis including weekends, holidays and after regular business hours or arranges back-up veterinary care in the absence of the Vet.
viii. Responsible for the daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being. These observations will be done by DLAM staff. Staff will communicate to the Vet any problems of animal health, behavior and well-being.
ix. Provide guidance to principal investigators and other personnel involved in the care and use of animals regarding handling, immobilization, anesthesia, analgesia, tranquilization, and euthanasia.
x. Provide adequate pre-procedural and post-procedural care in accordance with current established veterinary medical procedures.