UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

VETERINARIAN NOTIFICATION OF ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUES SOP

Purpose: Outline of procedures for notifying the ACF Manager and Attending Veterinarian in cases of animal sickness, distress, or unexpected death so that they can inform the IACUC who will then investigate animal welfare concerns, if necessary.

It is of paramount importance that you contact the ACF Manager, acf@uta.edu or 817-272-5236, IMMEDIATELY if any of the following are observed:

- Weight Loss – more than 20%
- Hair Loss – bald spots, barbering
- Not eating – weight loss, no feces
- Lesion – bites, scratches
- Tumor – ulcerated or not related to protocol procedures
- Eye problem – redness, irritation, discharge, cloudy
- Limb Problem – lame, favoring, loss of mobility
- Breathing Problem – labored, rapid
- Wound – open, bleeding
- Injuries
- Missing Animal
- Escaped Animal (whether recaptured or not)
- Unanticipated Death – any death that is accidental or unexpected in accordance with protocol procedures
- Any other potential symptoms of illness, injury, pain, or distress

As the Attending Veterinarian’s designee, the ACF Manager will assess the situation and either consult with or report to the Attending Veterinarian as necessary. The Attending Veterinarian will oversee any treatment or action plan, which will be communicated to the principal investigator. The Attending Veterinarian, or ACF Manager as designee, will report any of the above, or any animal welfare concerns to the IACUC.