

## VSU Occupational Health & Safety Program for Animal Users

	Breeder-Supplied Warm Blooded Vertebrate Animals	Wild Warm Blooded Vertebrate Animals	Cold Blooded Vertebrates (Minimal Risk)
<b>Species Types</b>	Laboratory rodents Birds	Mammals Birds	Reptiles Amphibians Fish
<b>Applicable to:</b> Researchers Research Assistants Animal Caretakers Veterinarian	Professional health screening <sup>1</sup> Special immunizations <sup>2</sup> Species specific education/training Appropriate PPE use and hygiene <sup>3</sup> Illness and injury reporting	Appropriate PPE use and hygiene <sup>3</sup> Illness and injury reporting	Appropriate PPE use and hygiene <sup>3</sup> Illness and injury reporting <u>Required Paperwork:</u> 1. Animal Worker Occupational Safety and Health Information Form 2. Animal Worker Tetanus Immunization Certification
<b>Applicable to:</b> Classroom Students	Tetanus immunization <sup>4</sup> Species specific education/training Student opt-out for health reasons <sup>5</sup> Appropriate PPE use and hygiene <sup>3</sup> Illness and injury reporting <u>Required Paperwork:</u> None – Health and safety risks and required protections included in course curriculum	Not Applicable - Wild mammals and birds are not handled by students in an instructional setting	Tetanus immunization <sup>4</sup> Species specific education/training Student opt-out for health reasons <sup>5</sup> Appropriate PPE use and hygiene <sup>3</sup> Illness and injury reporting <u>Required Paperwork:</u> None – Health and safety risks and required protections included in course curriculum

<sup>1</sup> Includes health history review for pre-existing allergies and compromised immune system, certification of current tetanus immunization, physical examination as appropriate, animal exposure risk assessment, and counseling.

<sup>2</sup> Determined by the health care professional with input from the IACUC and OEOS as appropriate.

<sup>3</sup> Determined by the responsible investigator/instructor in consultation with OEOS as necessary and as specified in the AUP

<sup>4</sup> Tetanus immunization is an admissions requirement and is monitored by Student Health Services; separate certification of immunization from students is not required.