

VSU Occupational Health & Safety Program for Animal Users

	Breeder-Supplied Warm Blooded Vertebrate Animals	Wild Warm Blooded Vertebrate Animals	Cold Blooded Vertebrates (Minimal Risk)
Species Types	Laboratory rodents Birds	Mammals Birds	Reptiles Amphibians Fish
Applicable to: Researchers Research Assistants Animal Caretakers Veterinarian	Professional health screening ¹ Special immunizations ² Species specific education/training Appropriate PPE use and hygiene ³ Illness and injury reporting	Appropriate PPE use and hygiene ³ Illness and injury reporting	Appropriate PPE use and hygiene ³ Illness and injury reporting <u>Required Paperwork:</u> 1. Animal Worker Occupational Safety and Health Information Form 2. Animal Worker Tetanus Immunization Certification
Applicable to: Classroom Students	Tetanus immunization ⁴ Species specific education/training Student opt-out for health reasons ⁵ Appropriate PPE use and hygiene ³ 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 ⁴ Species specific education/training Student opt-out for health reasons ⁵ Appropriate PPE use and hygiene ³ Illness and injury reporting <u>Required Paperwork:</u> None – Health and safety risks and required protections included in course curriculum

¹ 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.

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

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

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