



The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Veterinary Care Plan for Sam Houston State University (SHSU)

The Attending Veterinarian (AV) for SHSU provides adequate veterinary care, including, but not limited to, the following:

- The AV ensures that the University's animal care program includes provisions of appropriate facilities, personnel, and equipment to assure requirements with federal regulations.
- The AV is given access to all animals housed in the animal facilities on and around the SHSU campus, including Gibbs Ranch, Equine Facility, and the Center for Biological Field Studies (CBFS).
- The AV consults on and reviews all Animal Use Protocols (AUPs), and they assist with the development of study disposal criteria and responsible conduct of research activities.
- The AV oversees numerous aspects of SHSU's animal care program including, but not limited to, husbandry, housing, preventative medicine and health surveillance, medical treatment, establishment of sedation, anesthetic and analgesic guidelines, handling, and immobilization.
- The AV provides for timely veterinary medical care, including preventative services, animal control, diagnosis and treatment of disease, and emergency veterinarian care after work hours, on weekends, and on holidays.
- The AV provides guidance to principal investigators using Vertebrate Animals regarding animal care, handling, immobilization, anesthesia, tranquilization, and euthanasia, as well as pre- and post-operative care.
- The AV provides clinical and/or program oversight and support by appropriately evaluating the health and well-being of the animals used by principal investigators at SHSU.
- The AV remains knowledgeable about the latest practices and procedures, thus ensuring that high quality animal care is provided to animals that are used in teaching, research, and display activities at SHSU.