

Oregon State University (OSU) Animal Exposure Policy

I. **Definitions**

1. Animal: Any live or dead vertebrate animal, including animal fluids, excretions, secretions, and unfixed tissues (excluding established animal cell lines).
2. Animal Facility: Any and all buildings, rooms, areas, enclosures, or vehicles including satellite facilities, used for animal confinement, transport, maintenance, breeding, or experiments inclusive of surgical manipulation. A satellite facility is any containment outside of a core facility or centrally designated or managed area in which animals are housed.
3. Animal Exposure Training and Education: A program of training and education about the hazards of working with animals, methods of minimizing risks from those hazards and species-specific handling and safety information.
4. Risk Assessment: The process by which risks associated with working with animals are identified
5. Risk Mitigation: The process by which identified risks are managed through such actions as education, training, personal protective equipment, zoonoses surveillance, or immunization.
6. Supervisors: Department chairs, faculty, principal investigators (PI), facility managers, researchers and/or instructors who have responsibility for activities covered under this policy.

II. **Policy**

1. It is the policy of OSU to comply with all pertinent Federal, State, and local regulations and guidelines regarding the provision of health programs for individuals who have exposure to animals. The [Animal Exposure Occupational Health and Safety Program](#) is a part of OSU's overall program of animal care and focuses on maintaining a safe and healthy environment for individuals with exposure to animals. The program is based on risk assessment and risk mitigation as defined above and also includes risk monitoring as outlined in the [OSU Animal Exposure Procedure](#).
2. Participation in this program is mandatory for all individuals involved in animal research, teaching, testing, care, and handling as defined by this policy and accompanying [Procedure](#). Supervisors are responsible for implementing this policy with individuals under their supervision and ensuring these individuals receive animal exposure training and education.

III. Individuals Covered Under Policy

1. OSU Employees:
 - a. All individuals employed by OSU who have exposure to animals. This includes faculty, classified staff, and student employees.

2. Students:
 - a. All students in coursework with exposure to animals will be provided health and safety information. (Note: Students in the course of employment at OSU are covered under Section A above).

3. Others:
 - a. Non-OSU individuals with exposure to animals working under the direction of OSU faculty or staff.
 - b. Non-OSU individuals who work with and have exposure to animals at OSU facilities
 - c. OSU Officially Appointed Volunteers with exposure to animals.
 - d. Courtesy and Visiting Faculty with exposure to animals.
 - e. Post-doctoral scholars and fellows and clinical fellows with exposure to animals.