

## **Policies and Procedures**

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### **2.0 PURPOSE**

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## 5.0 Vaccinations and Immunizations

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### 5.1 TETANUS

All Participants are required to have a current tetanus vaccination, as puncture wounds or bites may put an individual at risk for infection. Tetanus vaccination is highly effective provided revaccination occurs every ten years.

### 5.2 RABIES PROPHYLAXIS

All dogs and cats used at Creighton University are procured from a Class A facility and therefore have had rabies vaccinations. This decreases the risk of human exposure significantly. In the event a Participant suffers an injury from another species, the Attending Veterinarian will be contacted to determine if the treating physician should consider rabies prophylaxis.

### 5.3 TOXOPLASMOSIS TESTING

Toxoplasmosis testing is available upon request for any woman of childbearing age who will be working with cats. Pregnant women are encouraged to discuss with their primary care physician the appropriate measures to take to prevent exposure to infection by *Toxoplasma gondii* (see section 6.2 and Zoonotic Disease Descriptions in Appendix B).

### 5.4 OTHER VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

The Principal Investigator/Supervisor, after consultation with the Attending Veterinarian and a licensed physician, is responsible for determining the need for additional vaccinations/immunizations depending on the species and risks involved in a protocol. Participants may refuse such additional recommended vaccinations/immunizations, but such Participants will be required to sign a waiver indicating knowledge of the risks but refusal of the additional vaccination(s)/immunization(s).