1.0  **PURPOSE**

Creighton University's Animal Occupational Health and Safety (AOHS) Program identifies risks and risk reduction measures for individuals who use or have exposure to animals in research or teaching at Creighton University. Risk assessment takes into consideration the animal species involved, the frequency of contact, potential exposure to hazardous agents, and performance of potentially hazardous tasks. The program is designed to prevent unnecessary hazards for those working with or around animals, and is a supplement to routine personal hygiene techniques and routine use of appropriate protective clothing/equipment.