

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE  
ANIMAL CARE

PROGRAM OF VETERINARY CARE

INSTRUCTIONS

For use of this form, see 9 CFR 2.40 (Animal Welfare Regulations, Title 9, Subchapter A, Part III, Subpart D, Section 2.40)

The attending veterinarian shall establish, maintain, and supervise programs of disease control and prevention, pest and parasite control, pre-procedural and post-procedural care, nutrition, euthanasia, and adequate veterinary care for all animals on the premises of the licensee/registrant. A written program of adequate veterinary care between the licensee/registrant and the doctor of veterinary medicine shall be established. By law, such programs must include regularly scheduled visits to the premises by the veterinarian. Scheduled visits are required to monitor animal health and husbandry.

This optional form or an equivalent format may be used to meet the requirement for a written Program of Veterinary Care. This form may be used as a guideline for developing and writing the veterinary care plan for your animals.

Pages or blocks which do not apply to the facility should be marked N/A. If the space provided is not adequate for a specific topic, additional sheets may be added. Ensure the additional sheets include Section and Item Numbers.

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SECTION I. PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT

| A. LICENSEE/REGISTRANT                                     |                       | B. VETERINARIAN                                      |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| 1. NAME<br>George A. Rasmussen, Ph.D.                      |                       | 1. NAME<br>Margaret S. McTighe, DVM                  |
| 2. BUSINESS NAME<br>Texas A&M University - Kingsville      |                       | 2. CLINIC NAME<br>Margaret S. McTighe, DVM           |
| 3. USDA LICENSE/REGISTRATION NUMBER<br>74-R-0094           |                       | 3. STATE LICENSE NUMBER<br>TX 14068                  |
| 4. STREET MAILING ADDRESS<br>700 University Blvd., MSC 201 |                       | 4. BUSINESS ADDRESS<br>PO Box 5510 or 728 CR 407     |
| 5. CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE<br>Kingsville, Texas, 78363   |                       | 5. CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE<br>Falfurrias, TX 78355 |
| 6. HOME TELEPHONE  | 7. BUSINESS TELEPHONE | 6. BUSINESS TELEPHONE                                |

We have read and completed this Program of Veterinary Care and understand our responsibilities.

Regularly scheduled visits by the veterinarian will occur at the following frequency: at least quarterly.

C. NOTES:

SOPs are under development to cover routine preventative care for the sheep, cattle, goats, swine, and rabbits.

☐ check if not applicable

SECTION II. DOGS AND CATS

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A. VACCINATIONS – SPECIFY THE FREQUENCY OF VACCINATION FOR THE FOLLOWING DISEASES

| CANINE                        |          |       | FELINE              |          |       |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------|---------------------|----------|-------|
|                               | JUVENILE | ADULT |                     | JUVENILE | ADULT |
| PARVOVIRUS                    | X        | X     | PANLEUK             | X        | X     |
| DISTEMPER                     | X        | X     | RESP. VIRUSES       | X        | X     |
| HEPATITIS                     | X        | X     | RABIES              | X        | X     |
| LEPTOSPIROSIS                 |          |       | OTHER (specify)     |          |       |
| RABIES                        | X        | X     | Combo test FeLV/FIV | X        | X     |
| BORDETELLA                    |          |       |                     |          |       |
| OTHER (specify) Parainfluenza | X        | X     |                     |          |       |

B. PARASITE CONTROL PROGRAM – DESCRIBE THE FREQUENCY OF SAMPLING OR TREATMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING

1. ECTOPARASITES (fleas, ticks, mites, lice, flies)

placed on flea and tick preventative at arrival.

2. BLOOD PARASITES (heartworm, Babesia, Ehrlichia, other)

Dogs are tested at arrival and placed on HWP if negative.

3. INTESTINAL PARASITES (fecals, deworming)

Dogs and cats are tested at arrival and treated accordingly. Retesting is performed routinely, following treatment at appropriate intervals.

C. EMERGENCY CARE – DESCRIBE PROVISIONS FOR EMERGENCY, WEEKEND, AND HOLIDAY CARE

Care is provided by \_\_\_\_\_ or by a local veterinarian.

D. EUTHANASIA

1. SICK, DISEASED, INJURED, OR LAME ANIMALS SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH VETERINARY CARE OR EUTHANIZED. LICENSEES AND REGISTRANTS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THEIR ATTENDING VETERINARIANS, CAN USE METHODS OF EUTHANASIA THAT MEET THE DEFINITION OF EUTHANASIA IN THE ANIMAL WELFARE REGULATIONS, WHICH ALLOWS FOR THE USE OF HUMANE METHODS THAT EITHER:

- PRODUCE RAPID UNCONSCIOUSNESS AND SUBSEQUENT DEATH WITHOUT EVIDENCE OF PAIN OR DISTRESS, OR
- UTILIZE ANESTHESIA PRODUCED BY AN AGENT THAT CAUSES PAINLESS LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS AND SUBSEQUENT DEATH.

APPROPRIATE METHODS MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THOSE DESCRIBED IN THE "AVMA GUIDELINES FOR EUTHANASIA OF ANIMALS".

EUTHANASIA WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE: ☐ VETERINARIAN ☒ LICENSEE/REGISTRANT

2. METHOD(S) OF EUTHANASIA

They have not needed to euthanize any dogs or cats, but would return to animal control, unless it was medically necessary; then sedation followed by IV pentobarbital in accordance with AVMA guidelines

E. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM TOPICS – THE FOLLOWING TOPICS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE FORMULATION OF THE PROGRAM OF VETERINARY CARE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CONGENITAL CONDITIONS  | <input type="checkbox"/> EXERCISE PLAN (dogs)                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> QUARANTINE CONDITIONS  | <input type="checkbox"/> PROPER HANDLING OF BIOLOGICS           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NUTRITION  | <input type="checkbox"/> VENEREAL DISEASES                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ANTHELMINTIC ALTERNATION                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> PEST CONTROL AND PRODUCT SAFETY        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify) Floor in kennel area needs repair | <input type="checkbox"/> PROPER USE OF ANALGESICS AND SEDATIVES |

☐ check if not applicable

SECTION III. WILD AND EXOTIC ANIMALS

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A. VACCINATIONS – LIST THE DISEASES FOR WHICH VACCINATIONS ARE PERFORMED AND THE FREQUENCY OF THE VACCINATIONS (enter N/A if not applicable)

CARNIVORES

HOOFED STOCK

White Tailed Deer

PRIMATES

ELEPHANTS

MARINE MAMMALS

OTHER (specify)

Reptiles, Amphibians

B. PARASITE CONTROL PROGRAM – DESCRIBE THE FREQUENCY OF SAMPLING OR TREATMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING

1. ECTOPARASITES (fleas, ticks, mites, lice, flies)  
Ivermectin once yearly (Fall) SC to 10%

2. BLOOD PARASITES

3. INTESTINAL PARASITES

Ivermectin once yearly (Fall) SC to 10%

C. EMERGENCY CARE

1. DESCRIBE PROVISIONS FOR EMERGENCY, WEEKEND, AND HOLIDAY CARE

Farm manager, or local veterinarian

2. DESCRIBE CAPTURE AND RESTRAINT METHOD(S)

Deer restraint chute; chemical sedation as needed.

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☒ LICENSEE/REGISTRANT

2. METHOD(S) OF EUTHANASIA

Deer: Captive bolt gun

Reptiles: snakes are euthanized in a CO2 chamber

E. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM TOPICS – THE FOLLOWING TOPICS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE FORMULATION OF THE PROGRAM OF VETERINARY CARE:

☒ PEST CONTROL AND PRODUCT SAFETY

☐ ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENT (primates)

☐ QUARANTINE PROCEDURES

☐ WATER QUALITY (marine mammals)

☐ ZOONOSIS

☐ SPECIES-SPECIFIC BEHAVIORS

☐ OTHER (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ PROPER STORAGE AND HANDLING OF DRUGS AND BIOLOGICS

☐ PROPER USE OF ANALGESICS AND SEDATIVES

F. LIST THE SPECIES SUBJECTED TO TUBERCULOSIS TESTING AND THE FREQUENCY OF SUCH TESTS

**A. INDICATE SPECIES**

Swine  
Beef Cattle  
Meat Goats  
Sheep  
Rabbits  
Mice  
Poultry

**B. VACCINATIONS – LIST THE DISEASES FOR WHICH VACCINATIONS ARE PERFORMED AND THE FREQUENCY (enter N/A if not applicable)**

## Annual Vaccines:

Swine - Erysipelas 5 week & 2 weeks prior to farrowing; all breeding stock - parvo, erysipelothrix, leptos, piglets AR  
Beef Cattle - 7-or 8-way clostridial, IBR, BVD, BRSV, PI3, 5 Strains of Lepto & Vibrio  
Meat Goats - Clostridium Type C and D, tetanus toxoid  
Goat / Sheep - Clostridium Type C and D, tetanus toxoid  
Rabbits - N/A  
Mice, Poultry - N/A

**C. PARASITE CONTROL PROGRAM – DESCRIBE THE FREQUENCY OF SAMPLING OR TREATMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING**

## 1. ECTOPARASITES (fleas, ticks, mites, lice, flies)

Cattle - ear tags, pour on, commercially available insecticide 3x per year.  
Snakes: extended quarantine, as dewormers have had adverse impact historically.

## 2. INTERNAL PARASITES (Helminths, Coccidia, other)

Cattle - pour on, or injectable, commercially available anthelmintic, 2x per year  
Sheep - injectable, commercially available 4x per year  
Goats - commercially available 4x per year

**D. EMERGENCY CARE – DESCRIBE PROVISIONS FOR EMERGENCY, WEEKEND, AND HOLIDAY CARE**

Farm manager and local veterinarians in the community

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## 2. METHOD(S) OF EUTHANASIA

Captive bolt for large animals; commercial euthanasia solution  
mice: CO2 chamber followed by cervical dislocation.  
methods approved by AVMA.

**F. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM TOPICS – THE FOLLOWING TOPICS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE FORMULATION OF THE PROGRAM OF VETERINARY CARE:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASTEURELLOSIS  | <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIES SEPARATION                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PODODERMATITIS  | <input type="checkbox"/> MALOCCLUSION/OVERGROWN INCISORS            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANNIBALISM  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PEST CONTROL AND PRODUCT SAFETY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WET TAIL   | <input type="checkbox"/> HANDLING                                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify) <u>environmental enrichment for rabbits and swine</u> |   |