

POLICY REGARDING THE ISOLATION OF SICK ANIMALS

PURPOSE: This policy serves to outline the procedures for detecting and isolating sick animals used for teaching or research at Liberty University.

POLICY:

When animals are identified as sick by research staff, the attending veterinarian should be contacted immediately. The attending veterinarian will collect information regarding the health status of the animal from the Principal Investigator, or by an in person visit.

COLONY HEALTH RISK

If, in the opinion of the attending veterinarian, the sick animal presents a health risk to other animals in the facility, he or she will instruct the facility or PI to put the animal into isolation. At this time, the PI and the attending veterinarian will create a plan for treatment or euthanasia, depending on the severity of the illness or condition.

NON-IMMINENT HEALTH RISK

If, in the opinion of the attending veterinarian, the sick animal does not present a health risk to other animals in the facility, he or she will instruct the PI or facility to leave the sick animal in its home cage. The PI and attending veterinarian will create a plan for treatment or euthanasia, depending on the severity of the illness or condition.