HSC OP: 76.10, Animals in Texas Tech Buildings

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Health Sciences Center Operating Policy and Procedure (HSC OP) is to define the guidelines governing the presence of non-laboratory animals in Texas Tech buildings.

REVIEW: This HSC OP will be reviewed by September 1 of every fourth year (E4Y) by the Chief of Police, with recommendations for revisions forwarded to the Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration by September 15.

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

All animals are prohibited from being kept, harbored, or maintained in any Texas Tech building with the exception of laboratory animals, police K-9’s, the recognized mascot (equine) of Texas Tech (in areas approved by the veterinarian of Texas Tech University), or qualified service animals utilized for or by persons with disabilities (i.e., hearing, mobility, sight).

Enforcement of this HSC OP shall be the responsibility of the Texas Tech Police. Any person who is found to be in violation of this policy shall immediately remove such animal from the building in question at the request of the Texas Tech Police. Failure to comply with this request may result in appropriate legal or disciplinary action.