

**University of Louisiana at Monroe**

**School of Pharmacy Animal Vivarium**

**Guidelines for Reporting Illness/Death or Unsafe Animal Conditions**

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The intent of these guidelines is to describe the process for reporting illness, injury, or unsafe animal conditions used for research at the School of Pharmacy Animal Vivarium. These guidelines are intended for use by managers, animal care technicians, and personnel working with animals within the vivarium.

1. Trained personnel who are familiar with the species must check all animals daily for signs of disease, illness or unsafe environment (includes feed, litter, water, temperature, humidity, etc.)
2. The requirement for daily observations includes weekend and holidays
4. If sick or injured animals are found either during routine daily checks or while other duties are being performed in an animal area, the appropriate persons must be promptly notified.
5. If management decides the extent of illness, injury, or disease requires veterinary care, Dr. White will be contacted. If necessary, Dr. White can be on-site within minutes.
6. In addition to spontaneous diseases, the monitoring, reporting and veterinary care must also include unanticipated consequences associated with research use, including, but not limited to surgery, drug treatment, genetic manipulations, handling and restraint and mechanical failures in environmental control systems.

The following form will help vivarium staff track illness/death and unsafe condition within the vivarium.

