



Texas A&M University

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN

The Attending Veterinarian (AV) is responsible for the health and well-being of all animals used for research, teaching, and testing at Texas A&M University.

The AV has the authority to treat, remove from the experiment, institute appropriate measures to relieve severe pain or distress, or euthanize an animal if necessary.

The Attending Veterinarian has access to all animals and resources to manage the program of veterinary care and to oversee the adequacy of the animal care and use program.

Currently, the executive director of the Comparative Medicine Program serves as the attending veterinarian.



RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- ▶ Oversees all institutional plans involving renovation or construction of facilities in which animals are housed or used, including design and maintenance of animal facilities
- ▶ Regularly and clearly communicates the needs of the animal care program to the Institutional Official
- ▶ Provides input for protocol review, development of study removal criteria, and responsible conduct of research activities
- ▶ Oversees several aspects of the program of veterinary care such as husbandry, housing, preventative medicine and health surveillance, medical treatment, establishment of sedation, anesthetic and analgesic guidelines, handling, and immobilization
- ▶ Assures that veterinary medical care and emergency veterinary care are available after work hours, on weekends, and on holidays
- ▶ Provides guidance and oversight for surgery programs and peri-operative care
- ▶ Assures that personnel working with animals have adequate skills and knowledge to conduct procedures on animals in an appropriate and humane manner



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