



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER EL PASO

Operating Policy and Procedure

HSCEP OP: 76.10, **Animals in Texas Tech El Paso Buildings**

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

REVIEW: This HSCEP OP will be reviewed by September 1 of every fourth year by the chief of policy, with recommendations for revisions submitted to the chief financial officer or designee 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 HSCEP OP shall be the responsibility of the Texas Tech El Paso Police Department (TTEPPD). 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 TTEPPD. Failure to comply with this request may result in appropriate legal or disciplinary action.