

FIRST AID INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANIMAL HANDLERS

For all animal-related injuries and illnesses, the supervisor must complete the Report of Occupational Injury or Disease to an Employee (Form PER WC-207). This form can be downloaded at: <http://web2.uconn.edu/hrnew/docs/WC207.pdf>.

The form must be submitted to Human Resources (FAX 860-486-0406) within 24 hours of the injury. Injury reporting hotline number is 800-828-2717. Also, report the incident to EHS (860-486-3613).

Care of Bites, Scratches, Cuts, Abrasions, Needlesticks, etc.

1. Control bleeding by applying direct pressure with sterile gauze or a bandage.
2. Cleanse the wound by washing with copious quantities of soap and water. (Betadine surgical soap is recommended.)
3. Dry and cover the wound
4. Obtain medical attention immediately for any cuts, puncture wounds or bites, needlesticks, or any other wound directly related to animal exposure.
 - ❑ Go to UConn Health Urgent Care at Storrs Center (860-487-9300), or
 - ❑ Go to UConn Student Health Services (Students only) (860-486-4700), or
 - ❑ Go to Windham Memorial Hospital, or Rockville General, or
 - ❑ In case of emergency, call 911.
5. Report all animal related injuries to your supervisor. Complete the Report of Occupational Injury or Disease to an Employee (Form PER WC-207) and submit to Human Resources (FAX 860-486-0406). Report the incident to EHS (860-486-3613).

Eye Splash with Animal Urine, Feces, Blood, or Secretions

1. Rinse eye(s) immediately with water for 5-15 minutes.
2. Proceed immediately to UConn Health Medical Services at Storrs Center or Student Health Services (Students only).

Report the incident to your supervisor. Complete the Report of Occupational Injury or Disease to an Employee (Form PER WC-207) and submit to Human Resources (FAX 860-486-0406). Report the incident to EHS (860-486-3613).

To access the complete University of CT Occupational Health and Safety Program for Animal Handlers go to the following link: <https://ehs.uconn.edu/biological-health-and-safety/>