



**Inter American University of Puerto Rico
Guayama Campus
First Aid Center**

Procedure for handling animal bites

What is an animal bite?

An animal bite can break, puncture, or tear the skin. Animal bites that break the skin expose the person to the risk of infection.

Measures to follow before an animal bite in the veterinary laboratory are the following:

1. The affected person will be taken to the First Aid Center
2. Local treatment of the wound will be offered through:
 - Washing with soap and water
 - Antibacterial ointment will be applied to the wound
 - A bandage will be placed on the area of the bite.
3. The immunization record of the affected person will be evaluated.
4. It is important to obtain information about the animal: owner, vaccination record, location at the time of the bite.
5. If an employee is attacked by an animal:

Human Resources will be notified so that the State Insurance Fund document can be completed and will refer to the emergency room of the Hospital Menonita de Guayama.
6. If a student or visitor is attacked by an animal:

He/She will refer to the emergency room of the Hospital Menonita de Guayama.