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Veterinary Technology Program

**Aggressive Animal Policy**

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The handling of animals for veterinary procedures includes inherent risks and concerns for human safety. Safety is a primary consideration for the Veterinary Technology Program (VTP) at Inter American University Guayama Campus (IAUPR-GC). It is the general policy of the VTP that students should not directly participate in handling animals that exhibit aggressive or threatening behaviors.

In order to promote and maintain a safe environment, the following procedures are designed to guide and minimize the likelihood of injury or disease.

Preventive measures include conducting a meticulous selection of animals suitable for handling as the use of aggressive animals will not be allowed under any circumstances. As a precaution, IAUPR-GC has in its laboratories the necessary equipment such as muzzles and restriction devices for handling animals. In addition, all activities are carried out under the supervision of licensed faculty members.

However, if an animal shows signs of aggression toward other animals, students, faculty members, or program staff, it will be handled by VTP faculty. The animal will be moved away from other animals to reduce the likelihood of aggression and returned to its cage. The cage will identify clearly that the animal is “Aggressive” until it is picked up by the owner.