

# Azusa Pacific University

## Risk Assessment Screening Questionnaire for All Individuals with Animal Exposure

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**All individuals at Azusa Pacific University who have contact with, or are in close proximity to, University animals are required to complete and return this self-assessment questionnaire.** This policy applies at minimum to individuals involved in classroom instruction, who conduct research investigations, or work around animal facilities. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and Student Health Center at APU want you to be safe and protected in such situations.

Please read each question and assess your perceived exposure to animals. A **yes** answer to questions #5, 6, or 7 below means you are required to submit a Health History Questionnaire (HHQ). Your answers to items within #7 need not be revealed to anyone except a healthcare provider (the healthcare provider will treat this information as confidential). Visit the APU Student Health Center website to obtain the [Health History Questionnaire](#). Complete and return to Stanton Todd Emerson, D.O., APU Student Health Center. If you have questions about this assessment or need assistance, please make an appointment with the APU Student Health Center

<b>1)</b> Do you have exposure in <u>instructional</u> environments <u>without</u> actually handling the animals (e.g., reptiles, amphibians, fish, rats, mice, rabbits, horses, etc.)? This typically includes (but may not be limited to) field trips, laboratories exercises, and lecture classes.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2)</b> Do you have exposure in a <u>research</u> environment <u>without</u> actually handling the animals? This typically includes (but may not be limited to) observational field and laboratory studies were animals are not handled.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3)</b> Do you have exposure to <u>instructional</u> environments <u>with</u> handling animals that are not infected with any specific pathogens (BSL 1, see below). This typically includes (but may not be limited to) laboratory classes.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4)</b> Do you have exposure in <u>research</u> with handling animals that are <u>not infected</u> with BSL 1 or higher agents? This category does not include field studies, because wild animals may be carriers of infectious diseases. This typically includes (but may not be limited to) work in a research laboratory.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5)</b> Do you have exposure in <u>instructional</u> environments with <u>handling infected</u> or <u>potentially infected</u> animals (e.g., reptiles, amphibians, fish, rats, mice, rabbits, squirrels, animals with BSL 1 or higher agents, carriers of hanta virus, etc.)? This typically includes (but may not be limited to) field trips, laboratory exercises, and lectures classes.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <b>If yes, submit HHQ</b>
<b>6)</b> Do you have exposure in <u>research handling infected</u> or <u>potentially infected</u> animals (e.g., reptiles, amphibians, fish, rats, mice, rabbits, squirrels, animals inoculated with BSL 1 or higher agents, carriers of hanta virus, etc.)? This typically includes (but may not be limited to) field studies with animals that may be infected (e.g., hanta virus, plague, rabies, etc.), and work in the research laboratory.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <b>If yes, submit HHQ</b>
<b>7)</b> Do you have any <u>medical conditions</u> as listed below? A <b>yes</b> to any one of the following medical condition questions means you must submit a completed Health History Questionnaire form and schedule a free consultation with Dr. Todd Emerson in the APU Student Health Center, since animal contact could increase your risk of and /or increase the severity of an existing illness. Please circle any of the problems listed below that apply. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chronic skin problems such as eczema</li> <li>- lung problems such as asthma</li> <li>- kidney or liver disease</li> <li>- valvular heart disease</li> <li>- immune system deficiencies or other limitations to your ability to fight off disease</li> <li>- current therapy with high dose steroids (prednisone), radiation therapy or cancer therapies</li> <li>- history of problems with your spleen or absence of your spleen</li> <li>- have had an organ transplant</li> <li>-known allergies or suspected allergies to animals</li> <li>-chronic health problems such as diabetes</li> <li>- diagnosed with sickle cell disease</li> <li>- pregnant or planning to get pregnant</li> </ul>	<b>If yes to any, submit HHQ</b>  (do not mark anything to maintain confidentiality)
<b>8)</b> Would you like to consult with a physician prior to working with animals? If "Yes," then notify your supervisor, faculty advisor, or instructor. Then complete a HHQ and schedule an appointment with the APU Student Health Center (or your own physician) to discuss your completed HHQ. The completed HHQ should be returned to Stanton Todd Emerson, D.O. at the APU Student Health Center.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Notes:** 1) BSL1 or Biosafety Level 1 designates the required practices, equipment, and facilities for safely handling well-characterized microbial agents that are not known to cause disease in healthy adult individuals. 2) If you have not had a tetanus booster within the last ten (10) years, you are strongly encouraged to receive one at your earliest convenience.

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*printed name**signature**date*

Please sign above (or on the back for classroom situations) to indicate that you have read the information listed above and will submit a Health History Questionnaire, if required. You may also 'click' on the boxes in questions 1 thru 8 and return the form electronically by typing in your name above.

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