

# **Biological Safety Program**

**Animal & Vivarium Safety** 

Form

# LAOHP Animal Use and Allergy Questionnaire

This questionnaire aims to assess any potential allergic reactions or sensitivities to animals among students, faculty, and staff participating in animal-related activities or environments at Towson University, as it pertains to the Occupational Health Program for Personnel with Substantial Laboratory Animal Contact (LAOHP).

# Instructions

Please answer the following questions truthfully and to the best of your ability. If you have any concerns or need assistance, contact the TU Health Center or Environmental Health and Safety (EHS). Please print the following information where required.

Last Name	First Name, MI	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
TU ID #	Department/College	Laboratory Personnel Role: Student    Faculty    Staff     Other:
Primary Contact Number	E-mail Address	Principal Investigator/Supervisor
Emergency Contact Person	Emergency Contact Number	Relationship to Personnel

#### Section 1: Personal Information for Laboratory Personnel

The personnel risk assessment status for this form (Check one):
 □ Initial □ Annual Renewal

# Section 2: Medical Surveillance

1. Have you visited the TU Health Center or other provider during the past year for any of the following work-related reasons (If Yes to any, please provide details):

🗆 Injury	🗆 Illness	🗆 Rash/Skin Issue	Respiratory Issue
□ Animal Bite/Scratch	🗆 Hazmat Exposur	e	

Please explain:

- 2. For exposure to hazardous material (hazmat), select route of exposure:
   □ Contact (Dermal/Eye) □ Ingestion □ Inhalation/Aspiration □ Injection/Needlestick
- 3. How frequently did you seek medical attention during the past year for a work-related illness or injury?

Have you had a <u>new</u> diagnosis of asthma or environmental allergies in the past year?
 □ Yes □ No

#### Section 3: Animal Exposure History

Have you had previous exposure to animals in a research, teaching, or workplace setting? □ Yes □ No
 If yes, please briefly describe the type(s) of animals and the nature of your exposure (e.g., working in a lab, handling animals, animal-assisted therapy, etc.)

Animal	List Species	Exposure		Frequency of Contact			
(Live, Tissue, Fluids)	(if known)	Past	Current	Daily	1-3X/	1-3X/	Rare
					Week	wonth	(<6X/Yr)
□ Amphibians (frogs, etc.)							
□ Arachnids (spiders, scorpions, etc.)							
□ Birds (pigeons, chickens, etc.)							
□ Cats/Dogs							
□ Fish (freshwater/marine)							
Gastropods, terrestrial (snails, slugs,							
etc.)							
□ Insects (roaches, crickets, fruit flies, etc.)							
Marine Invertebrates (mollusks,							
crustaceans, cnidarians, etc.)							
Marine Mammals							
Non-Human Primates*							
□ Reptiles (lizards, snakes, turtles, etc.)							
□ Rodents (mice, rabbits, rats, etc.)							
□ Ruminants* (cattle, goats, sheep, etc.)							
□ Other Large Animals, terrestrial (horses,							
pigs, etc.)							
Other (please specify):							

2. What types of animals have you been in contact with? (Check all that apply)

 Have you ever experienced an allergic reaction to animals or animal-related products (e.g., dander, saliva, urine, slime)? □ Yes □ No If yes, please specify the symptoms experienced (e.g., sneezing, rash, respiratory issues). 4. Have you been exposed to any of the following in conjunction with animal exposure? (Check all that apply)

Hazardous Materials	If Checked, Please Specify:
□ Anti-Neoplastic Agents	
Carcinogens, Chemical	
□ Human Specimens (e.g. cells, body fluids)	
Infectious Agents	
Mutagens	
Radiation	
Recombinant DNA	
□ Reproductive Hazards/Teratogens	
🗆 Other	

#### Section 4: Allergy History

- Do you have any known allergies? □ Yes □ No
   If yes, please list all allergies (e.g. pet dander, dust, mold, foods, medication, chemicals).
- 2. Have you ever been diagnosed with asthma or other respiratory conditions?
  □ Yes □ No
  □ Yes □ No
  □ Yes □ No
  If yes, please provide details of medications used.
- Have you ever had an allergic reaction that required medical treatment (e.g., epinephrine, hospitalization)? □ Yes □ No
   If yes, please provide details.
- 4. Do you have any skin problems related to work (e.g. reactions to latex gloves)?
- 5. Do you experience any of the following symptoms when exposed to animals or animal products? (Check all that apply)
  - □ Sneezing □ Skin rash or hives
  - □ Coughing □ Difficulty breathing
  - □ Wheezing □ Swelling of lips, tongue, or throat
  - □ Itchy or watery eyes □ Nausea
  - Other symptoms (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_\_

6. If you answered Yes to any of the above questions, has the problem worsened over the past year?

# Section 5: Current Animal Use Participation Risk Assessment

Will you be participating in any activities involving animals at Towson University?
 □ Yes □ No

If yes, please describe the activity (e.g., research, lab work, fieldwork, animal care, etc.) and the type of animal(s) involved.

- Will there be any animal contact [Animal/Tissue/Bodily Fluids]? (Check all that apply)
   □ No Direct Contact (Observes Animals Only; Enters Animal Facility)
  - □ Tissue/Fluids Only (Does not conduct procedures on live animals, but handles unfixed animal tissues and body fluids)
  - □ Handles Animals (Handles, restrains, collects specimens from, and/or administers substances to live animals)
  - □ Invasive (Performs invasive procedures [e.g. obstetric procedures, surgery, necropsy])
- Are you aware of any accommodations or protective measures available for individuals with allergies to animals? □ Yes □ No
   If yes, would you like assistance in arranging any accommodations (e.g., designated animal-free zones, personal protective equipment)? □ Yes □ No

# Section 6: Immunization History & High-Risk Activity

Immunization, Frequency	Vector	Received?
Tetanus (DTP or Td), every 10 years	Dirt, Feces	🗆 Yes 🛛 No
Hepatitis B	Non-Human Primates*, Humans (Blood/Bodily Fluids)	🗆 Yes 🛛 No
MMR #1 (series of two required; measles, mumps, rubella)	Non-Human Primates*, Humans	🗆 Yes 🛛 No
MMR #2 (second vaccination)	Non-Human Primates*, Humans	🗆 Yes 🛛 No
Toxoplasma Serum Titer, immunosuppressed or pregnant	Cats (Feces), Infected Animals	🗆 Yes 🛛 No
Rabies (initially two, then one a year later; every 2-3 years thereafter)	Unvaccinated Cats/Dogs, Carnivores, Other Vectors	🗆 Yes 🛛 No

1. Do you have the following immunizations/vaccinations?

 Do you plan to work with ruminants (e.g. goat, sheep), non-human primates, or material derived from them? \*These animal species are considered high-risk and are not currently utilized for research at TU. If yes, contact EHS for further risk assessment.

### Section 7: Additional Information

1. Is there any other relevant medical or allergy information you think should be considered in relation to animal exposure at Towson University?

#### Section 8: Acknowledgement

By signing below, you acknowledge that the information provided above is accurate to the best of your knowledge. You also agree to notify the appropriate university authorities if any of your information changes, especially if you develop new allergies or sensitivities to animals.

Signature, Personnel	Date

Office Use Only - Reviewed by	
Signature, Vivarium Manager	Review Date
Follow-Up Actions Needed (if any):	
Signature, EHS/Biosafety Officer	Review Date
Follow-Up Actions Needed (if any):	

#### **Privacy Notice:**

This information is confidential and will only be shared with relevant university personnel, including health and safety officers, to ensure your safety and well-being in animal-related activities.

This form can be adjusted further based on specific university protocols or requirements.