Dealing with Animal-Related Injuries

Standard Operating Procedure

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For lacerations and puncture wounds where no potential biological hazard is present:

1. Wash the affected area with mild soap and water for at least 5 minutes.
2. Use direct pressure to stop bleeding if necessary.
3. Apply antibacterial ointment and a clean bandage that will not stick to the wound.
4. Inform your faculty supervisor, Department Safety Coordinator, College Safety Coordinator (801-422-6875), and/or Risk Management & Safety (801-422-4468) of the incident.
	1. If stitches or additional treatment is necessary, clean the wound, washing or flushing the contaminated area thoroughly.
	2. Proceed to Urgent Care at the BYU Student Health Center (1750 N Wymount Terrace Drive, Provo, UT 84604) for evaluation and follow-up. Student Health Center Urgent Care is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
		1. If the incident occurs after-hours or on the weekend, go directly to the Emergency Department at Utah Valley Hospital (formerly Utah Valley Regional Medical Center) at 1134 N 500 W, Provo, Utah for evaluation and post-exposure follow-up.

Reporting a Bite in FileMaker Pro:

* In the 'Daily Animal Care' program in Filemaker Pro, click the bite log field and complete the required information.
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* If the bite causes a serious injury requiring medical attention, the supervisors will complete a Workers Compensation Injury Report. Find form on the Risk Management and Safety Website: <https://risk.byu.edu/> or in the Standard Operating Procedure binder.