

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Austin Community College District (ACC)
And
Williamson County

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to define the expectations of the parties: Williamson County, on behalf of the Williamson County and the Austin Community College Veterinary Technology Program (ACC-VT)

1. Animals (dogs and cats) provided by Williamson County are for educational training of the veterinary technician students. All educational and medical procedures must first be approved by the College's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and approved by Williamson County prior to implementation. No animal shall be subjected to unnecessary procedures or any form of mistreatment.
2. The animals provided by Williamson County will not exceed 15 dogs and 15 cats (or any combination of cats and dogs for a total not to exceed 30) at any one time per semester
3. Animals will be transported from Williamson County to ACC-VT facility by Williamson County.
4. Animals will be transported by Williamson County from the ACC-VT facility to Williamson County. During the Spring and Fall semesters, the animals will remain on campus for approximately 12 weeks. If they are not fostered during Spring Break, they must return to Williamson County and will come back afterward. During the Summer semester, the animals will stay for about 9 weeks. Typically, 2-3 weeks before the break, Williamson County is responsible for arranging transportation for any remaining animals back to their facilities. While on campus the animals will be treated with care, respect, and compassion at all times.
5. Animals in the ACC-VT facility will continue to be listed on the Williamson County site for adoption.
6. Animals deemed aggressive, dangerous, ill (to the point of being terminal or unadaptable) will be returned to the shelter.

7. ACC-VT students are covered with accident insurance associated with ACC-VT program classes. Reasonable care is taken to provide a safe environment to educate the students and provide a safe environment for resident animals. The County shall not be liable for any injuries sustained by ACC-VT students and facility while handling the animals.
8. The Williamson County is not responsible for any adverse effects that may occur as a result of educational or medical use of the animals.
9. By accepting veterinary services from the ACC-VT Program, Williamson County acknowledges and agrees that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, ACC-VT, its owners, employees, and affiliates are not liable for any injury, loss, or damage—including but not limited to treatment outcomes, complications, or unforeseen risks—resulting from services, diagnoses, treatments, or medications, except in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct. Williamson County understands that while every effort is made to provide the highest standard of care, veterinary medicine inherently carries risks and uncertainties. These may include adverse reactions to medications, surgical complications, or other unforeseen issues that arise during treatment. By accepting these services, you acknowledge and voluntarily assume these risks as part of the veterinary care process.
10. Procedures ACC-VT to be provided for animals from Williamson County:
 - a. Surgical sterilization
 - b. Vaccinations
 - c. Limited testing for Heartworms in dogs
 - d. Limited testing for FeLV and FIV in cats
 - e. Microchip placement (microchips to be provided by Williamson County)
 - f. Dental cleanings when feasible.
 - g. Variation from this list will be made when deemed necessary by ACC-VT's attending veterinarian, or as instructed by Williamson County personnel.
Handling of animals will be within ACC-VT's IACUC approved protocols.
 - h. Any Animals utilized by the ACC Veterinary Technology program from the facility are up to date on their rabies vaccinations and proof of their vaccination status before being transported to campus.
11. The term of this MOU ("Term") shall begin on the Effective Date and lasts for one (1) year initially. It can be extended annually for up to four (4) years, not to exceed a total of five (5) years. If either party desires to discontinue this MOU, written notification should be given a minimum of 30 days in advance of the termination of this agreement.

12. It is acknowledged that Williamson County staff has limited amount of time to evaluate the sociability and non-aggress personality of each animal. Williamson County will not be held liable for behavior or any injury after completing a successful evaluation by ACC. Therefore, each student, faculty and staff personnel involved in the Veterinary Technology Program at ACC assumes the risk in working with the animal provided.
13. Animals provided by Williamson County to ACC-VT program will have cleared any legally required hold period and be the legal property of Williamson County.
14. **Sovereign Immunity**
Nothing in this MOU shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity or powers of the County, the Williamson County Commissioners Court, or the Williamson County Judge.
15. **Venue and Applicable Law**
Venue for this MOU shall be Williamson County; Texas and the laws of the State of Texas shall govern all terms and conditions.

Williamson County Animal
Shelter 1855 SE Inner Loop
Georgetown, TX 78626

Name in Print

Title

Signature

Date

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