

Occupational Health Training with Animals (OHT-A)

Step 1: To complete your OHT-A training, log into WSU's MyResearch database (<https://myresearch.wsu.edu>). Go to **Compliance > IACUC > OHT-A Training**.

Step 2: Read and click the "Next" button (circled in red in Figure 2) to proceed with the training.

Figure 2:

Occupational Health Training-Animal Users (OHT-A)

Name: [redacted] Email: [redacted] WSU ID: [redacted]

[Welcome to WSU's OHT-A Program](#)

Occupational Health Training- Animals (OHT-A) is a risk-assessment and health protection service that is provided completely free of cost to assist individuals who work or come in contact with live vertebrate animals in course of their job, research, or training. Working with live vertebrate animals exposes personnel to a variety of zoonotic risks such as allergens and microorganisms that live with the animals. OHT-A is free for all WSU personnel. The program also provides a confidential assessment by a medical doctor as a part of its services. IACUC has mandated that OHT- A should be refreshed at least once every 3 years. However, individuals are welcome to make changes at any time and/or when required. For example, updating OHT-A is required if a person is working with new species. A change in health status of the individual also merits updating the OHT-A medical participation and assessment.

Please contact Animal Welfare Program at iacuc@wsu.edu / (509) 335-7951 with any questions related to the OHT-A program.

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[Zoonotic Information](#)

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Step 3: In the Zoonotic Information tab, click on the "Take Training" buttons for each of the species that are required or for the species associated with the protocols you are working under (red arrow 3 in Figure 3).

This training can be completed in approximately 5 minutes for each zoonoses. **You are only required to take the training for the species associated with the protocols you are listed on.**

Figure 3:

ZOOSES TRAINING				
Species	Required	Completed	Expires	
Birds (Including Poultry & Pigeons)	Yes Why?	Never		Take Training
Cats	Yes Why?	Never		Take Training
Cattle	Yes Why?	Never		Take Training

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Step 4: Complete the declaration located below the species list and click “Next” (highlighted in Figure 4).

Figure 4:

Declaration by participant:

- I have reviewed the information provided on the Zoonoses completed above. I expect to work with and understand the risks associated working with live vertebrate animals.
- I do not understand the risks associated for working with live vertebrate animals.

Step 5: Participation in the medical evaluation is encouraged and free to you and your department. Select a choice (highlighted in Figure 5). If you agree to participate, download the medical evaluation form (red arrow in Figure 5).

Figure 5:

You have indicated that you understand the risks associated working with live vertebrate animals.

To mitigate the risks of being in contact with live vertebrate animals, WSU offers the Occupational Health Training - Animals (OHT-A)

OHT-A Medical Services Module:

WSU offers a free medical services element as a part of this OHT-A program. The program covers a medical risk assessment conducted by a physician that is based on your individual health history and the species you work with. It includes recommendations for services such as immunizations, preventive care, and physicians advice.

- I agree to participate in the OHT-A offered by WSU. I understand that I will be further evaluated by a qualified physician and offered the appropriate vaccines at no cost to me. Please fill out the [medical evaluation form](#) . The information will be sent to the physician.
- I decline to participate in the OHT-A. I understand that I will receive no further services. I understand that I will have the opportunity to update my choices at any time and that I will have to re-assert this choice periodically (every three years).

Step 6: Type your signature (highlighted in Figure 6). Once you click the “Submit” button, you will receive an email stating the completion of OHT-A.

Figure 6:

Signature

Type your name:

There are other required training courses for personnel performing survival surgery and for personnel performing husbandry in PI-managed areas. Please contact the Animal Welfare Program if you need to take the additional required training.

We strongly recommend for personnel to take some of the non-required training offered through AALAS and CITI websites.

If you have any issues regarding IACUC training, please contact the Animal Welfare Program at (509) 335-5353 or email at iacuc@wsu.edu.