



## HEALTH RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT for VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

**Assumption of risk:** All Veterinary Technology students working in a veterinary facility encounter animals that may cause traumatic injury and/or expose them to infectious agents that cause disease. They will also be exposed to ionizing radiation (e.g. X-rays), volatile anesthetic gases, and chemical substances which can cause bodily harm. By enrolling in Veterinary Technology courses, students voluntarily accept that these risks exist and assume the responsibility to act safely and responsibly at all times.

**Pregnancy:** Pregnancy shall be considered a condition for which there are definite health concerns, for which the student needs additional information about these concerns, and for which Cedar Valley College, the Dallas County Community College District, and the clinical instructors need assurance that the student has received this information from her physician. In the event of pregnancy, the student must provide written assurance to the Veterinary Technology Department and the clinical instructors that she has received this information from her physician, understands the risks involved, agrees to take all reasonable precautions, and still desires to continue with her educational program.

**Rabies:** The level of risk for rabies exposure is dependent upon the animals to which the student is exposed, and the degree of contact with animals potentially carrying the rabies virus. The Veterinary Technology student should be aware that all students enrolled in the Cedar Valley College Veterinary Technology Program are required to either complete the initial rabies pre-exposure vaccination series or sign a waiver of responsibility. The Veterinary Technology student is expected to consult with and be advised by his/her physician and appropriate public health authorities regarding rabies immunization.

**Tetanus:** If a student has never received tetanus immunization, the student should receive such immunizations as advised by his/her physician. If the student has had the initial series, they should consult with their physician as to whether a booster immunization is required.

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I have read the above information of the potential health risks involved with my participation in the Veterinary Technology Program. I understand that Cedar Valley College, the Dallas County Community College District, are not responsible for paying medical bills, costs, or expenses for injuries sustained by me while participating in the Veterinary Technology Program. I understand that all medical bills, costs, or expenses are my responsibility.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am currently covered by health insurance that will cover treatments for potential injuries and illnesses resulting from my participation in the Veterinary Technology Program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not presently covered by health insurance. I understand that Cedar Valley College, and the Dallas County Community College District are not responsible for paying medical expenses for injuries sustained by me while participating in the Veterinary Technology Program.

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Date

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