

## **UNMC Animal Welfare – Veterinary Treatment**

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### **Veterinary Services Provider:**

Dr Cham & Dr Kim, Reliance Veterinary Clinic, Semenyih & Kajang

Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday 10am – 5pm

Sunday + Public Holiday 10am - 2.30pm

### **UNMC Animal Welfare Facebook group:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/177721509091779/>

- All non-urgent questions and matters should be directed to this group.
- Dr Houghton should only be contacted directly re: injured animals needing immediate help that have already been secured.

### **Terms of Reference and Procedures:**

#### **TL; DR:**

UNMC will pay for veterinary treatment of seriously injured/ill domestic animals (dogs, cats) under the following conditions:

1. All cases must be referred to Dr Houghton in the first instance so she can assess the need for a vet.
2. Only seriously injured, wounded, or ill animals will be treated at UNMC's cost.
3. The animals needing treatment must be secured (via cage or leash) in a solid location, so the vet or student/staff transporter can come directly to the animal and not have to locate and catch it themselves.
4. Only animals located permanently on or spending considerable periods of time on campus will be eligible for treatment at UNMC's cost.

**Full Version:**

UNMC will pay for veterinary treatment of seriously injured/ill domestic animals (dogs, cats) under the following conditions:

1. All cases must be referred to Dr Houghton in the first instance so she can assess the need for a vet. If the animal has been secured on campus, then Dr Houghton will assess it personally. If she is not on campus, she will assess the case via photographic evidence and information provided by students.
  - a. Dr Houghton should be contacted via text message or email. If you email, please provide your h/p number for contact purposes. If you text, please include your name.
  - b. Whenever possible, please take photographs of the animal's condition.
  - c. Following contact, Dr Houghton will then text, email or call the person who contacted her to arrange assessment or treatment of the animal in question.
  - d. Any photographs of the animal's condition should be posted to the [UNMC Animal Welfare Group](#) Facebook page to assist in the documentation of the case for purposes of reporting to UNMC management, even if the animal has already been treated.
2. Only seriously injured, wounded, or ill animals will be treated at UNMC's cost. Dr Houghton will make this assessment. Slight scratches, mild skin diseases, fleas, etc., do not constitute serious cases.
  - a. If students wish to self-fund treatment of animals deemed to be not seriously injured or diseased, they are, of course, more than welcome to do so.
3. The animals needing treatment must be secured (via cage or leash) in a solid location, so the vet or student/staff transporter can come directly to the animal and not have to locate and catch it themselves. Someone should ideally meet them and help direct them to the animal.

- a. Transport to the vet should only take place once Dr Houghton has confirmed that the animal requires assistance and has contacted the vet to arrange a suitable time for him to receive it.
  - b. A cage, leash, and other equipment is available via the [UNMC Animal Welfare Group](#).
4. Only animals located permanently on or spending considerable periods of time on campus will be eligible for treatment at UNMC's cost. Animals from the wider Semenyih area are not eligible.
5. In some instances, euthanasia may need to be considered as the most suitable option for the animal (very serious injuries, conditions requiring long periods of confinement, etc.). Dr Houghton will make this assessment in liaison with the vet and others (students, UNMC management, etc.).
6. If the animal is removed from campus to be treated, the animal will be returned to the campus area post-treatment.
  - a. If students would like to liaise with the public or via KLPR etc. to try and adopt the animal out, they are more than welcome to do so.

**Points of note:**

- UNMC does not accept any ownership of the animals; i.e. they are not 'UNMC's animals'.
- The veterinary treatment is being provided on the basis of the following:
  - UNMC does not wish to have suffering domestic animals on campus, or for students to have to co-exist with seriously injured or diseased domestic animals.
- If the number of vet calls drastically increases cf. the last 6-8 month period then the terms of this agreement will need to be revisited.
  - Proper documentation of all cases will assist with the management of this agreement and its ongoing feasibility.