



# Veterinary Medical Technology Program Student Handbook

Subject: ***Patient Neglect Policy***

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## *Patient Neglect Policy*

Because of the nature of the veterinary medical technologist's role in clinical practice and the use of live animals in the VMTP, it is essential that students understand that the doctors, patients, clients, and other staff are counting on his/her availability. Therefore, a Patient/Animal Neglect Form will be administered to any student that is found guilty of:

1. Inappropriate use of mechanical restraining devices (rabies pole, cat grasper, etc.)
2. Abuse in the form of:
  - a) Physically striking animals
  - b) Rough handling animals
  - c) Tormenting
3. Failure to provide basic daily needs of an animal
4. Failure to report a sick animal to the clinical supervisor
5. Failure to report an assigned animal care assignment
6. An unexcused absence that results in patient neglect (includes missing clinical experience rotations)

Any offense will be documented on a Patient/Animal Neglect Form and then signed by the student. The signed form will be submitted to the VMT Administration.

**Automatic dismissal will result if:**

1. **A student is found physically abusing or tormenting an animal or**
2. **A student has two documented offenses.**

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