



College of Veterinary Medicine

Policies and Procedures

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Food and Drink in the Hospital

It is the policy of the Animal Health Center to provide a work environment that is aesthetically pleasing to clients and guests and minimizes any exposure to hazards (infectious disease, chemicals, etc.) which may be transmitted in the process of consuming food. Thus, the consumption of food and beverages should be restricted and only occur in designated areas.

The Animal Health Center follows the guidelines set forth by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for consumption of drinks. OSHA allows only a **closed** container with a small opening; examples include a coffee cup with a lid, a covered bottle or cup with a straw. **Open cups are not permitted.** (29 CFR Part 1910 Subpart I)

Procedures: The consumption of drink (open containers) and food shall follow the following guidelines:


- All food purchased in the cafeteria must be consumed in the cafeteria unless it is covered while being transported to a designated food area.
- The designated food areas in the Animal Health Center include:
 - Animal Health Center Lounge a1422
 - Small Animal Internal Medicine/Veterinary Specialty Center student room - a1424
 - Community Veterinary Services/Anesthesia student area - a1544
 - Small Animal Surgery student area – a1547 (*west side only*)
 - Diagnostic Imaging student area – a1807
 - Diagnostic Imaging Conference room – a1820
 - Seminar Room – a1447
 - Landscape Area – a1425
 - Equine Student Room – a1933
 - FA Student Room – a1317
 - Ambulatory Student Room – a1102
 - PPM Conference room – a1109
 - Pathology Conference Room – a1003
 - Batcave – a1121

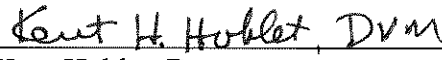
- Theriogenology Student Room – Morgan Freeman Building
- Individual faculty/staff offices

- The presence of food or drinks (open containers), except during covered transport through corridors to designated areas, and their consumption is not allowed in any laboratories, wards, treatment areas, procedure areas, necropsy area, central supply, restrooms, and all corridors used for patient transport.

- The presence and consumption of drinks in **closed** containers (as defined by OSHA above) is permissible in most areas except operating rooms and ICU.

Client consumption of coffee and snacks is restricted to the admissions area.

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