PURDUE COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
STUDENT HEALTH POLICY COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

I have received (through the CVM Student Handbook) and read the Student Health Policy of the Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine, Purdue University. I have also been given an opportunity to ask questions and am aware that I may discuss all health hazards of the instructional programs with my academic advisor, instructional faculty, or physicians of Purdue University Student Health.

I am in compliance with the Student Health Policy of the Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine by having received each of the following:

1) **Prophylactic rabies vaccination** by one of the following methods or circumstances:
   - (a) a series of three doses of the human diploid cell rabies vaccine (HDCV) or purified chick embryo cell vaccine (PCECV),
   - or (b) an alternate vaccination series with a demonstrated positive rabies titer (RFFIT, or Rapid Fluorescent Focus Inhibition Test, testing modality)
   - or (c) previous post exposure prophylaxis with rabies vaccine and rabies immunoglobulin for a presumed rabies exposure.

   If students do not have documentation of one of the three above methods, but feel confident they have been immunized for rabies, a positive result on RFFIT rabies titer testing is proof of immunity. A “positive” result is defined by the ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) as complete neutralization of rabies virus at a serum dilution of 1:5. This result provides minimum evidence of circulating rabies virus neutralizing antibodies. If in this case the RFFIT result is negative, a single booster immunization with rabies vaccine is recommended.

   Please note that ELISA methods of testing rabies antibodies do not provide evidence for immunity.

   RFFIT-methodology rabies immunity testing is available at major laboratories including MidAmerica Clinical Labs and LabCorp.

2) **Tetanus booster** within ten years of December 31 of the year of matriculation. Immunization with either diphtheria-tetanus toxoid or TdaP (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) is acceptable.

3) **Tuberculosis evaluation** within one year of December 31 of the year of matriculation consisting of:
   - (a) a NEGATIVE tuberculosis skin test (PPD) or interferon gamma release assay blood test with a negative result, or,
   - (b) A POSITIVE tuberculosis test result and medical clearance from a physician for continued enrollment in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the above information is accurate and true.

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Signature Date

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I rely upon spiritual means or prayer to prevent or cure disease and therefore elect not to obtain the immunizations for participation in the instructional programs of the Purdue School of Veterinary Medicine. In doing so, I hereby relieve Purdue University of any and all responsibility should I contract these diseases and agree that the University shall be held harmless from any immediate or long term damages associated with or related to these diseases. I understand that I may not be allowed to participate in certain clinical encounters if, on the judgement of the attending College of Veterinary Faculty, the situation places me at an increased risk of exposure to rabies.

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Signature

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Date

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