Rabies Risk Acknowledgement Form

Rabies is a viral disease with an almost 100% mortality rate in people. Students within the TAMUK VETT program are exposed to a variety of animals that have not been vaccinated against rabies or are of unknown vaccination status.

In 2022, the CDC updated their rabies Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) guidelines to prevent human rabies. Veterinary team members were placed in Risk Category 3 of 5 and are recommended to receive a primary PrEP series with two doses of rabies vaccine, seven days apart, to provide protection up to 3 years.

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) requires that all students in accredited programs be vaccinated against rabies or have a comprehensive rabies mitigation plan.

All students are strongly encouraged to receive a pre-exposure rabies vaccination series. Students may decline the series for reasons including religious beliefs or health status and are not required to state the reason for their declination. If students have questions regarding the series, they may speak with a VETT program faculty/staff member, the Executive Director of Enterprise Risk Management or their preferred physician or pharmacist. For those students who elect to receive the series, it should be completed as soon as possible upon admission to the VETT program and, at a minimum, should be completed no later than January 1st. For those students who decline the series, they must adhere to the policies outlined in the VETT Program Rabies Mitigation Plan.

<u>Student Statement</u>
I understand:

- I should contact my family physician for information regarding the rabies vaccine to determine if there is a medical reason why I should not receive the vaccine.

- I have read and understand the Texas A&M–Kingsville Veterinary Technology Program Rabies Risk Acknowledgement Form. I acknowledge that I have received an exact copy of this form.

Student Name (please print): _____

Student signature: _____   Date: _____