

# First Aid Procedure for Animal Bites

**FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCY, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY**

## **CONTROL BLEEDING**

Apply continuous pressure for 5-10 minutes. If bleeding is not controlled, seek medical assistance immediately and continue direct pressure with a clean cloth until help arrives.

A First-Aid kit is located in various locations throughout the facility.

## **CLEANSE WOUND**

Wash all wounds immediately with soap or detergent solution and a high volume of water for at least 5 - 10 minutes or more if extensive or extremely dirty. Scrub wound enough to make it re-bleed a little to help clean the wound.

ABSL2 animals require special care. Scrub with a solution such as chlorhexidine for 15 minutes under high volume of running water. Information should be posted on the door of the room in which the ABSL2 animal is housed. Check for the name of the Principal Investigator and the emergency contact number and name of the organism/hazard that the animal had been exposed to and safety procedures following human exposure.

## **REPORT BITE**

Report bite with a description of the incident and the organism/hazard involved to:

- Your supervisor,
- EHS Biosafety Officer: Phone 305-348-3387 or email at [ehs@fiu.edu](mailto:ehs@fiu.edu),
- Attending Veterinarian: Phone 305-348-8315 or email at [hvinerea@fiu.edu](mailto:hvinerea@fiu.edu).

FIU employees, with their supervisor, must complete an Injury/Accident Report Online at <http://hr.fiu.edu/injury/> and submit to the FIU Worker's Compensation Program Manager (305-348-7960) within 24 hours of the incident.

FIU Workers' Compensation Assistant files the Workers' Compensation claim and will coordinate initial treatment through the managed care network provider. You might also require a tetanus booster and/or antibiotic treatment.