Animal Bites

A bite from any animal, wild or domesticated, constitutes a localized emergency. As soon as possible after injury, report the bite to University Police and to the area supervisor. Take the following actions to minimize the effects of the injury:

• Control bleeding by the application of continuous pressure for 5-10 minutes.

• Wash all wounds immediately with soap or detergent solution and a high volume of water for at least 5 minutes. Primate bites require special care. Scrub with an antiseptic solution if available for 15 minutes under running water.

• Seek follow-up medical care.