



**ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS**  
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Ms. Neera Chatterjee  
Office of General Counsel  
The University of Texas System  
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OR2013-01449

Dear Ms. Chatterjee:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 478726 (OGC# 147415).

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (the "university") received a request for specified veterinary records and documents related to the purchase and acquisition of animals used by a specified university program. You state you will release most of the requested information. Although you take no position on whether the remaining requested information is excepted from disclosure, you state release of this information may implicate the interests of a named third party. Accordingly, you have notified this third party of the request and of his right to submit arguments to this office as to why the submitted information should not be released. *See Gov't Code § 552.304* (providing that interested party may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released). As of the date of this letter, we have not received comments from the third party explaining why the requested information should not be released. Therefore, the university must release the submitted information to the requestor.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and

responsibilities, please visit our website at [http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index\\_orl.php](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index_orl.php), or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act must be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the Office of the Attorney General, toll free at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

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