The Animal Exposure Risk Assessment (ARA) is a health risk assessment for anyone working with animals at USC. It is required to be completed prior to conducting research on any protocols involving animals. The ARA gives you the option of being evaluated by a healthcare provider or you may choose to opt out.

**How does it work?**
After you complete the ARA online at [https://redcap.sc-ctsi.org/surveys/?s=7YT83XXAFD](https://redcap.sc-ctsi.org/surveys/?s=7YT83XXAFD), the Occupational Medicine physician will review and evaluate your personal risk for animal work.

**Who needs to fill out an ARA?**
Anyone who works with animals at USC needs to complete the ARA. NOTE: The ARA is a key part of the Laboratory Animal Allergen Prevention Program.

**Do I have to respond?**
Yes. Whether you choose to be evaluated or opt out of evaluation, EH&S needs a response from you to document your decision. This is a requirement for working with animals at USC.

**Is my information safe?**
Yes. REDCap software ensures privacy for participants and is HIPAA-compliant. Once information is entered online, a licensed Occupational Medicine physician at Sharp Rees-Stealy (SRS), the Occupational Medicine Healthcare provider, will review your risk assessment.

**What if I need further evaluation?**
If further evaluation is recommended, you will be seen by a physician with Keck Internal Medicine. At this evaluation, you and the internal medicine physician will discuss your potential health risks working with animals.

**Additional Information**
EH&S [Occupational Medicine Program](mailto:biosafety@usc.edu) web page
Animal Risk Assessment (ARA) Form online
[Animal Allergy Fact Sheet](mailto:biosafety@usc.edu)
[Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](mailto:biosafety@usc.edu) [NRC, 2011]