



Use of Animals in Research and Teaching

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I. POLICY SUMMARY

The University, committed to maintaining high standards for the care and use of animals in research and teaching, therefore adopts as its own principles the U.S. Government Principles for Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Testing, Research and Training, and the Public Health Services Policy on the Humane Use and Care of Laboratory Animals, “Principles for Use of Animals.”

II. DEFINITIONS

See “Definitions” section of the Public Health Services Policy on the Humane Use and Care of Laboratory Animals.

III. POLICY TEXT

The University of California recognizes the importance of the use of animals in its research and teaching programs. Animals are vital both for understanding basic biological processes and in developing treatment for human and animal diseases.

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It is University policy that University practices for the procurement, housing, care, and use of animals should conform to the [NIH Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals in Research](#) (DHEW 78-23), reprinted in 1980 (DHEW 80-23 or succeeding editions), all requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and all regulations issued by the USDA implementing the Animal Welfare Act (P.L. 89-544) as amended. The Chancellor, Vice President, or Director shall take appropriate action to meet such standards. The policy applies to all research and teaching irrespective of whether the research is funded from extramural or internal sources.

IV. COMPLIANCE/RESPONSIBILITIES

ACCREDITATION

All facilities in which animals are housed shall be fully accredited by the American Association for the Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) or the Chancellor, Vice President, or Director shall be taking appropriate action to achieve such accreditation.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE.

The Chancellors, the Directors of the Department of Energy Laboratories, and the Vice President--Agriculture and Natural Resources are responsible for compliance with this policy in their institutions. They are authorized to take appropriate action for those activities under their jurisdiction to implement regulations required by all funding and regulatory agencies on the care and use of animals in research and teaching. Each Chancellor and .Director and the Vice President shall establish implementing procedures including an animal research committee to assure adequate review of animal facilities, procedures, research, and teaching protocols.

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The committee shall consist of no fewer than five members with varying backgrounds. At least one member shall be a licensed doctor of veterinary medicine and at least one member shall be a person whose primary vocation is in a nonscientific area. One member shall be unaffiliated with the institution.

RESPONSIBILITY IN OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

The Provost and Executive Vice President--Academic Affairs is responsible, on behalf of the President, for assuring University compliance with the policy and for developing any modifications or exceptions to policy as appropriate.

V. PROCEDURES

Not applicable

VI. RELATED INFORMATION

[Animal Welfare Act, as amended, and the regulations promulgated in CFR, Title 9, Subchapter A, Parts 14](#)

VII. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Not applicable

VIII. REVISION HISTORY

May 16, 2022: Updated Responsible Office and Policy Owner.

This Policy was also remediated to meet Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0.

This policy was reformatted into the standard University of California policy template effective **April 1, 2012**. The policy was not changed in this reformatting, but statutory and regulatory references have been updated and redundant text was deleted.