



The University of Georgia

Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Animals

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The Policy of The University of Georgia regarding the humane care and use of animals is to comply with the external documents listed below.

Implementation of this Policy by the University involves application of the following five documents as indicated to the use of all vertebrate animals used in research, teaching, and testing.

1. United States Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Testing, Research and Training.
(<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/references/phspol.htm#USGovPrinciples>)
2. Regulations of the Animal Welfare Act as promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture.
(<http://www.nal.usda.gov/awic/legislat/awa.htm>)
3. The United States Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.
(<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/references/phspol.htm>)
4. The National Academy of Sciences “Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals”. (<http://darwin.nap.edu/books/0309053773/html>)
5. The Federation of Animal Science Societies “Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Agricultural Research and Teaching.” (*FASS Guide*)
(<http://www.fass.org/>)

Animal use solely for production purposes (no research, teaching, or testing) must only comply with the provisions of the *FASS Guide* and are as such exempt from IACUC review and approval requirements.*

Where these above documents are silent on a particular use of animals then the IACUC relies on published guidelines of professional societies for guidance to determine if the proposed use is humane and appropriate.

All proposed uses of animals covered by this policy must be reviewed and approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

*The use of animals for production purposes only does not require an IACUC-approved Animal Use Protocol (AUP); however, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for any husbandry procedures which may result in pain and distress must be reviewed and approved by the IACUC. All animal facilities are inspected by the IACUC regardless of use.