

# University of North Florida Animal Care And Use Policy

**DIVISION:** Academic Affairs

**DEPARTMENT:** Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

**SUBJECT:** Animal Care and Use

**OBJECTIVE & PURPOSE:**

To establish policy for care and use of laboratory animals and ensure University of North Florida (UNF) compliance with federal guidelines relevant to University activity involving such animals.

**AUTHORITY:**

Health Research Extension Act of 1985 (PL 99-158-animals in research)  
Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals

**POLICY:**

The University shall take appropriate steps to ensure that laboratory animals are used at UNF only to the extent that their use is adequately justified and then only to the extent that their care and welfare can be assured. To this end, UNF policy allows for laboratory use only those animals which are of the *Rattus*, or *Mus* genus, and bred specifically for laboratory use, or those which are neither mammals nor birds.

In order to ensure proper treatment of laboratory animals used at the University of North Florida, the Chief Academic Officer or designee shall appoint an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), whose members will meet the qualifications and have the responsibilities defined by the documents cited above as authorities.

The University recognizes that the use of laboratory animals may require special facilities and equipment to ensure proper care and welfare of the animals used. UNF faculty may undertake such research only when facilities and funding for costs required for animal care are fully committed and assured.

While the IACUC has full authority to disapprove proposed animal use projects as not in compliance with appropriate guidelines, the approval of such projects by the IACUC is subject to overrule by the Provost so as to ensure that University capacity to meet its obligations related to the care and welfare of involved animals is not exceeded.

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) is charged with the responsibility for providing administrative support for the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

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