4d Training for research with animals and ethical treatment of animals

Institutional Policy

A. CSU will comply with all applicable provisions of the Animal Welfare Act and other Federal statutes and regulations related to animals.

B. CSU is guided by the *U.S. Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Testing, Research, and Training*.

C. CSU acknowledges and accepts responsibility for the care and use of animals involved in activities covered by this Assurance. As partial fulfillment of this responsibility, CSU will make a reasonable effort to ensure that all individuals involved in the care and use of laboratory animals understand their individual and collective responsibilities for compliance with this Assurance as well as all other applicable laws and regulations pertaining to animal care and use.

D. CSU has established and will maintain a program for activities involving animals in accordance with the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* (Guide).

For a description of the Cleveland State University Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, Institutional Program for Animal Care and Use can see Appendix B.

Training

CITI Online Training Modules are required for anyone working with live vertebrate animals at Cleveland State University. This training is in accordance with the policies and guidelines set forth in the “Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals” (PHS 1986), the “Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals” (ILAR 1996), and the USDA Animal Welfare Regulations (CFR 1985). All Researchers, Students and Animal Care Staff must take and successfully pass the required modules within 3 months of beginning a project or employment when working with animals. A refresher course must then be taken and passed every two years thereafter. If the modules are not passed within 3 months, the individual’s research involvement or employment will be discontinued until the required modules are passed. Once the modules are successfully completed, a “Completion Report” must be printed and mailed to the IACUC Secretary for filing.

Individual concerns regarding the ethical treatment of animals

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is the University’s principal agent and governing body for ensuring that laboratory animals receive humane care and use or treatment in accordance with the highest ethical standards, laws, regulations and policies governing animal research. IACUC must review and, if warranted, address any animal-related concerns raised by the public or institutional employees. Procedures must be established to ensure that concerns are communicated to the IACUC. The Committee must review each concern in a timely and systematic manner and, when necessary, take prompt, appropriate corrective actions. Individuals may report their concerns by phone, in writing, or e-mail if confidentiality is not an issue (see specific information below, under “Individual Reporting Concern”). *The person making the report is not required to provide his or her name.* If confidentiality is an issue, concerned individuals may fill in an “Animal Care and Use Reporting
Form” and submit the form to the IACUC Chair or Institutional Official (IO). The IACUC Chair or IO will contact the Veterinarian, who will attend to the health of the animals and then complete the Report Form that is immediately forwarded to the IACUC. The IACUC will take appropriate action in a timely manner. An Investigative committee, consisting of the Chair, Veterinarian and one other IACUC Member will evaluate the situation. If one of these individuals is in question, another IACUC Member will be designated to fill in.

The full Animal Research and Use Protocol, with appendices, can be found online at:

ANIMAL RESEARCH & USE PROTOCOL (AR&UP) (MS-Word Document)

- Appendix A - Antibody Production (MS-Word Document)
- Appendix B - Surgery (MS-Word Document)
- Appendix C - Test Substances (MS-Word Document)
- Appendix D - Controlled Substances (MS-Word Document)
- Appendix E - use of non-CSU facility (MS-Word Document)

Cleveland State University is responsible for ensuring research integrity. The vice president of research is in charge of enforcing any these policies and disciplining individuals who are in volition of these policies.