

The University of North Texas at Dallas Policy Manual	Chapter 13.000
13.018 Care and Use of Animals in Research	Research

Policy Statement. The University of North Texas at Dallas is committed to conducting research involving live vertebrate animals in accordance with all applicable provisions of the Animal Welfare Act, the Animal Welfare Regulations, the Public Health Service Policy for the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, the U.S. Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Testing, Research and Training, and the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

Application of Policy. All UNT Dallas faculty, staff and students shall comply with the regulations of this policy. This policy applies to both funded and non-funded animal-related research conducted at UNT Dallas, or at any other location if conducted by UNT Dallas faculty, staff or students under the auspices of UNT Dallas. This policy also applies if animal-related research is conducted by UNT Dallas faculty, staff or students through a subcontractor or collaborator.

Definition.

1. **Animal.** “Animal” means any live, vertebrate animal used or intended for use in research, research training, experimentation, biological testing or for related purposes.
2. **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).** “IACUC” means a committee appointed to oversee UNT Dallas’s animal program, facilities and procedures, including the key function of reviewing and approving requests to use animals in research.
3. **PHS.** “PHS” means the U.S. Public Health Service, an operating division of the U.S. Department of health and Human Services, and components of the U.S. Public Service to which the authority involved may be delegated.

Procedures and Responsibilities.

The care and use of animals in research protocols and animal research program at UNT Dallas shall comply with federal statutes and regulations governing the care and use of live vertebrate animals in research. The UNT Dallas Provost is the UNT Dallas official with responsibility for oversight of the program for care and use of animals in research conducted at or under the auspices of UNT Dallas. The UNT Dallas Provost shall act as the signatory official for assurances with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Responsible Party: UNT Dallas Provost

UNT Dallas faculty, staff and students are responsible for informing the Provost in writing and obtaining written approval prior to engaging in any animal-related research at UNT Dallas or at any other location under the auspices of UNT Dallas.

Responsible Party: UNT Dallas Faculty, Staff and Students

The Provost shall not approve any animal-related research until appropriate protocols and an IACUC are established.

Responsible Party: UNT Dallas Provost, IACUC

Reporting Suspected Animal Abuse.

Any suspected abuse of animals involved in research on the UNT Dallas campus shall be reported to the UNT Dallas Provost.

Responsible Party: UNT Dallas Faculty, Staff and Students

References and Cross-references.

- Animal Welfare Act, 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.
- Animal Welfare Regulations, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 9 C.F.R. Subchapter A, Parts 1-3. *Policy on Humane Care and Use of Animals*, U.S. Public Health Service, revised 1986, reprinted 2000.
- *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources, 1996.
- *U.S. Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Testing, Research and Training*, Interagency Research Animal Committee, 1985.

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