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## ANIMAL CARE AND USE

### Policy Statement

The George Washington University (GW) requires the highest standards of humane care and use of laboratory animals in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, guidelines, accreditation standards, policies and procedures. Vertebrate animals may be used in research, testing or teaching only with the prior approval of the GW Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

### Reason for Policy

This policy provides for the appropriate care and use of animals in research, testing, and teaching in compliance with applicable requirements.

### Who is Governed by this Policy

Faculty, staff and students

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## **Policy**

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The care and use, or intended use, of animals in research, testing or teaching must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, guidelines, accreditation standards, policies and procedures, including but not limited to the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, the National Research Council Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, the Animal Welfare Act, U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations, Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International standards, and university requirements.

Information regarding forms and procedures is available at [Office of Animal Research Forms / Instructions](#).

The Associate Vice President for Research serves as the Institutional Official for GW’s animal care and use program and oversees the activities of the IACUC and Animal Research Facility (ARF) in accordance with applicable requirements. Investigators must obtain IACUC approval prior to using vertebrate animals in research, testing or teaching and must adhere to the approved protocol in carrying out their activities. Investigators must comply with all other applicable IACUC, ARF, and university requirements, including, for example, requirements regarding protocol changes, continuing review, training, access, purchasing, and occupational health and safety.

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## **Forms**

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[Office of Animal Research Forms / Instructions](#)

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## **Related Information**

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[Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International \(AAALAC\)](#)

[National Institutes of Health, Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare \(OLAW\)](#)

[Public Health Service \(PHS\) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#)

[Animal Welfare Act](#) (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et. seq.)

[U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal Welfare Act Regulations \(9 C.F.R. Chapter 1, Subchapter A\)](#)

[National Research Council Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#)

[Occupational Health and Safety in the Care and Use of Research Animals](#)

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