
ANIMAL CARE AND USE

Purpose:

To establish policies and procedures to insure the humane care and use of research and laboratory animals and to encourage scientific inquiry while assuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations to protect the interests of Boise State University (BSU) when conducting research involving the use of animals.

Additional References:

IACUC Program Guide Manual, <http://www.boisestate.edu/research>

Scope:

Applies apply to all BSU faculty, student, staff, affiliates and non-affiliates involved with animal care and use.

Responsible Party:

Division of Research, Office of Research Compliance www.boisestate.edu/research
Contact Information: Division of Research 208-426-5732

POLICY

I. Policy Statement

The following general guidelines are applicable to all research, laboratory and instruction conducted at, or sponsored by Boise State University, involving the use and care of animals, whether carried out solely with University resources or with the assistance of outside funds. The University assumes responsibility for communicating and explaining these policies and guidelines to all personnel involved with animal activity.

II. Authority and Jurisdiction

- A. For research and laboratory activity involving the use and care of animals, the University uses the following regulations and guides:
Animal Welfare Act of 1996 NIH Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Testing, Research and Training The Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee Guidebook, 2nd edition.
- B. The President of BSU has appointed the Vice President for Research, as the Institutional Official (IO,) to meet its obligations for state, federal and university laws and regulations involving research, laboratory and instruction of animal care and use. As mandated by the Animal Welfare Act, the University has established an Institutional Animal Care and Use

Committee (IACUC), which is appointed by the IO, to assess and review the University's animal program, facilities, and procedures. The IACUC also been charged with the responsibility to update and change procedures as deemed necessary to meet federal, state and University regulations and guidelines. The IO appoints the IACUC members annually to ensure appropriate composition and representation, according to federal guidelines. The administrative unit that oversees the day to day functions of the Animal Care and Use Program is the Office of Research Compliance.

- C. For research, laboratory or instructional projects, the investigator is responsible for administering activities related to the care and use of animals. Faculty and researchers using animals are expected to review the Program Guide Manual: <http://www.boisestate.edu/research> and comply with applicable regulations, policies, preparation of protocols, use of animal models, and perspectives on ethical and humane considerations.

1. The IACUC has the following authority and responsibilities:

- a. Review semiannually the institution's program for humane care and use of animals and inspection semiannually all of the institution's animal facilities, including satellite facilities.
- b. Provide information and services to investigators regarding requirements and procedures necessary to achieve a level of animal care and use that meets or exceeds contemporary professional standards and federal and state regulations.
- c. Interpret federal and state laws, regulations, policies and guidelines concerning the utilization of animals in research and teaching activities.
- d. Review concerns or complaints reported by faculty, staff, students, or members of the general public about the care and use of animals at the institution.
- e. Make written recommendations to the Vice President for Research regarding any aspect of the institution's animal care and use program, facilities or personnel training.
- f. Review, approve, require modifications in (to secure approval), or withholding approval of proposed significant changes regarding the use of animals in ongoing activities as required by federal regulations.

Notifying investigators in writing of decisions to approve or withhold approval of the protocol applications related to the care and use of animals, or of modifications required to secure IACUC approval.

- g. Suspend or terminate, as may be required, any activity involving animals that is not in compliance with applicable federal, state law and university policy.
- h. Report suspended or terminated activities or continuing major animal welfare deficiencies to appropriate authorities as required by the Federal Animal Welfare Act and the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.
- i. Provide or sponsor seminars and training programs on topics of appropriate animal utilization and care as required by law.
- j. Provide or ensure the provision of veterinary care services to university animals.
- k. Coordinate and ensure with the attending veterinarian appropriate monitoring programs are implemented to detect and treat ill animals.