Florida State University

Use of Animals in Research and Teaching

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FSU Attending Veterinarian
Animal Use Is Heavily Regulated

At FSU all use of animals is treated the same regardless of funding source.
Animal Use Requires A Team Approach

Instructor / Investigator / Laboratory
Holds primary responsibility for use of animals in research and teaching

FSU Animal Care & Use Committee  Laboratory Animal Resources
FSU Animal Care & Use Committee

• Provides oversight to all animal use related to FSU covered by law
• Processes all animal use and animal tissue protocols
• Ensures that animals are treated humanely
• Inspects facilities and labs semi-annually
• Provides reports and feedback to administration and federal agencies
• Ensures congruency between grants and protocols; assures funding agencies that work has been approved
• Investigates Animal Welfare Concerns

http://www.research.fsu.edu/research-offices/acuc/
Email: ACUCSecretary@mailer.fsu.edu
When Is An Animal Use Protocol Required?

• Necessary for all vertebrate animals if used in basic or applied research, teaching, testing or exhibition regardless of funding, including:
  – On and off campus research (including field projects)
  – Classroom demonstrations or field trips
  – Animal tissue obtained on or off campus*
  – Animal work or specialty reagents performed by an entity other than FSU**

• Approved protocols are required before any animal use. Failure to have an approved protocol may lose data for publication, have publications pulled, lose funding or lose your position.

*,** Contact the ACUC for guidance. These will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
Laboratory Animal Resources

• Provides housing and care for animals used in teaching and research at FSU
• Assists with assignment of animal housing and procedural space within vivaria
• Handles animal orders, imports and exports
• Provides animal handling and training as needed
• Makes equipment and space configuration recommendations as needed
• Coordinates with Environmental Health and Safety for projects using hazardous agents.
• Assists with oversight of all animal use related to FSU covered by law

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Reporting Animal Welfare Concerns

• Concerns or questions regarding the use of animals in research or teaching, or if you suspect that there is a case of animal abuse or misuse, please report your concerns.

• Reports may be made anonymously to the extent allowed under Florida law.

• All reports are treated with confidentiality and are fully investigated.

• Reports may be made to:
  – Vice President for Research, 644-9694
  – Chair, Animal Care and Use Committee, 644-1614
  – Attending Veterinarian, 644-0623
  – Animal Care and Use Secretary, 644-0994