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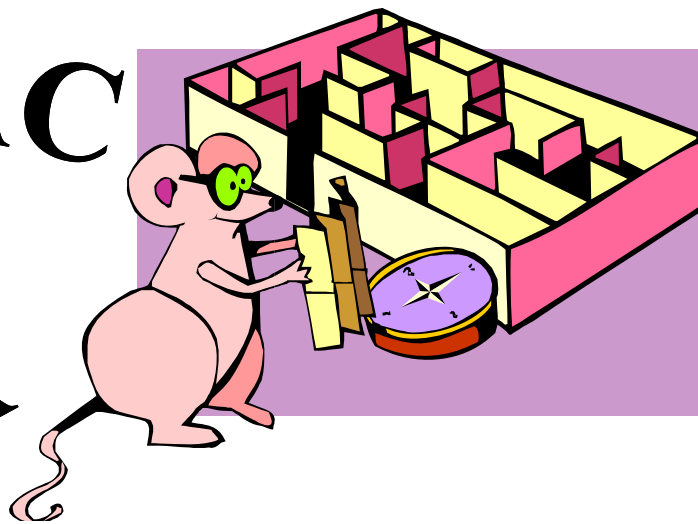
**Use of Animals in Research
and Teaching**

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Animal Use Is Heavily Regulated

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USDA



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At FSU all use of animals is treated the same regardless of funding.

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 federal rules and regulations
- Reviews/requires changes/approves all protocols related to use of animals for research, teaching and tissue collection Ensures that animals are treated humanely
- Inspects facilities and labs twice a year
- 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

<https://www.research.fsu.edu/research-offices/acuc/>

Email: ACUCSecretary@mail.fsu.edu

When Is An Animal Use Protocol Required?

- **Necessary for all vertebrate animals used in 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****
 - **Collaborations involving animals with non-FSU entities****

Approved protocols are required prior to any use of animals. 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

850-644-4262

Administrative Office - 101 Biomedical Research Facility

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**