



1. INTRODUCTION

The University of Notre Dame is committed to the humane care and use of vertebrate animals in research and education, and encourages adherence with applicable laws, principles, standards, guidelines, and policies affecting such care and use.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

2.1. Institutional Animal Care and Use Program

The University of Notre Dame promotes humane care and use of vertebrate animals in research and education. To ensure that vertebrate animals are treated humanely, the University shall appoint an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and an Attending Veterinarian.

2.1.1. Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

The University of Notre Dame shall, at the recommendation of the Vice President of Research (through authority delegated by the President as Chief Executive Officer), appoint an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). All proposed research and educational activities using live, vertebrate animals, regardless of funding status or the source of funding, must be reviewed by the IACUC. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee shall also advise the Vice President of Research on all aspects of the animal care and use program.

2.1.1.1. Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Approval

Research, training, and educational activities involving the use of live, vertebrate animals must receive approval from the IACUC prior to project initiation.

2.1.2. Veterinary Care

The Vice President of Research shall designate an Attending Veterinarian who is responsible for implementation of a veterinary care program. The Attending Veterinarian has oversight of the veterinary care and use of all animals under this policy, regardless of the location of the animal, source of research funding, or the status of the research project.

3. SCOPE

The Policy applies to all University faculty members (including part-time and visiting faculty), students, staff, and any other University employee or person associated with University (including postdoctoral scholars) who conduct research at, or on behalf of, the University.

4. POLICY ENFORCEMENT

Violations	It is an explicit violation to fail to meet the requirements of this policy in the conduct of research, training, or education using live, vertebrate animals.
Enforcement	The University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee will require any researcher suspected to have violated this policy to submit information about suspected violations, and may recommend disciplinary action in accordance with University codes of conduct, policies, or applicable laws. Recommended disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• suspension or termination of research;• confiscation of animals; and• compelled destruction of data collected in research;
Reporting Violations	Suspected violations may be reported to Notre Dame Research Compliance at compliance@nd.edu or 574-631-1461.

5. CONTACTS

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Policy Clarification	Notre Dame Research Compliance	(574) 631-1461	compliance@nd.edu