Research and Sponsored Projects Manual (RSP)

RSP 202: Care and Use of Laboratory Animals

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Purpose

To ensure that live vertebrate animals and cephalopods used in research and teaching are used and cared for in an ethical and humane manner and to comply with federally mandated regulations, maintain accreditation by AAALAC International, and optimize research productivity.

Sources

Animal Welfare Act (AWA), Public Law No. 89-544, 80 *Statutes-at-Large* 350 (codified as amended at 7 *United States Code*

§§ 2131–2156 (1982)); amended by Public Law No. 99-198, 99 *Statutes-at-Large* 1645-1650 (codified as amended at 7 *United States Code* §§ 2132, 2143–2146, 2149, 2157 (Supp. III 1986))

National Research Council. *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Guide)* (as revised)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of Interior, Public Law 93-205, Endangered Species Act of 1973 Office of Research Integrity and Assurance (ORIA)

Applicability

All faculty, principal investigators, and other personnel from within and external to ASU involved with the use and care of live vertebrate animals and cephalopods in research and teaching activities.

Policy

ASU, its administration, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), faculty, research investigators, and principal investigators (PIs) are responsible to the public and to governmental agencies for animal care and use in all research and teaching activities. The ASU Department of Animal Care and Technologies (DACT) is responsible to public and government agencies for husbandry and veterinary care of animals used in research. All animal care and use must meet federal laws as stated in the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) policy on care and use of animals, Animal Welfare Act (as amended), including standards as required by the *Guide* and by AAALAC International, as well as state and local laws and university policies.

For more information on care and use of laboratory animals, see the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Website. You may also contact the KE Office of Research Compliance or the IACUC chair by calling 480-965-6788.