

Washington State University

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING CONCERNS ABOUT THE CARE AND USE OF ANIMALS

Washington State University will expeditiously investigate any allegations of suspected misuse of animals or concern regarding the care and use of research or teaching animals.

An individual reporting a concern need not identify him/herself to make a report. If an individual chooses to identify him/herself, the individual's identity will be as confidential as allowed by law.

To report or discuss a concern or perceived problem **during normal working hours**, contact:

- The Chairperson of the [WSU Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee](#) or any Committee Member via the IACUC office at (509) 335-7951, iacuc@wsu.edu, or
- Director, Office of Research Assurances at (509) 335-9553, mkluzik@wsu.edu or
- The Campus Veterinarian at (509) 335-6246; OCV Alert: or.ocv.alert@wsu.edu or
- The Vice President for Research at (509) 335- 3574 or (509) 335-1517, chris.keane@wsu.edu , or
- Mail the form for reporting animal welfare concerns to: ORA. PO Box 643143, Neill Hall Rm. 431, Washington State University, Pullman WA 99164-3143.

The reported concern or problem situation reported to any of the above persons will be promptly reported to the IACUC chair and the Campus Veterinarian.

To make a report or discuss a concern or perceived problem **after hours or on weekends**, or if there is an **immediate threat to an animal**, contact:

- The Campus Veterinarian at (509) 330-1871. The reported concern or problem situation will be promptly reported to the Chairperson of the WSU-IACUC.

Background:

The federal Animal Welfare Act requires that Washington State University, as a registered research facility, ensures that all scientists, research technicians, animal technicians and other personnel involved in animal care, treatment, and use are qualified to perform their duties.

As part of this responsibility, the law states that Washington State University is required to instruct personnel on "Methods whereby deficiencies in animal care and treatment are reported, including deficiencies in animal care and treatment reported by any employee of the facility" (this would include all WSU employees and students). The law further states that "No facility employee, Committee member, or laboratory personnel shall be discriminated against or be subject to any reprisal for reporting violations of any regulation or standards under the Act". The WSU Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is charged with the responsibility of investigating complaints of misuse of animals used in instruction and research.

The form for reporting concerns about animal care and use is at: <https://iacuc.wsu.edu/forms/>