

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO
INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE**

Policy on Reporting Animal Concerns

In accordance with the Animal Welfare Act, (9 CFR Ch.1), Part 2 - Subpart C

2.32. Training and Instruction of personnel must include...

- (4) Methods whereby deficiencies in animal care and treatment are reported, including deficiencies in animal care and treatment reported by any employee of the facility. No facility employee, Committee members, or laboratory personnel shall be discriminated against or be subject to any reprisal for reporting violations or standards under the Act.

Methods for Reporting Animal Care and Use Compliance Violations at UCSD

1. Often, the preferred first course of action is to discuss the issue and resolve it on site with the individuals present.

2. If this is not possible or is not successful, a report (anonymous or not) may be submitted to:

- IACUC/Animal Welfare Program phone 858-534-6069
- Email to iacuc@ucsd.edu
- Mail to IACUC/Animal Welfare Program mail code 0071
- The following individuals who are responsible for animal care and use at UCSD:

Director, Animal Welfare Program	(858) 534-6968
Campus Animal Welfare Specialists	(858) 534-6069
Director, Animal Care Program	(858) 534-3188
Chair, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee	(858) 822-6893
Institutional Official	(858) 534-3526

All reports are treated seriously and are investigated. Corrective action is taken as appropriate. No facility employee, Committee members, or laboratory personnel shall be discriminated against or be subject to any reprisal for reporting violations or deviations from standards.

Federal Requirements Regarding the Reporting of Animal Care and Use Concerns:

USDA -- ANIMAL WELFARE ACT (9 CFR Ch.1)

Part 2 - Subpart C

2.31 (c) IACUC Functions. With respect to activities involving animals, the IACUC, as an agent of the research facility shall:

(4) Review, and if warranted, investigate concerns involving the care and use of animals at the research facility resulting from public complaints received and from reports of noncompliance received from laboratory or research facility personnel or employees;

2.31 (d) (6) The IACUC may suspend an activity that it previously approved if it determines that an activity is not being conducted in accordance with the description of that activity provided by the principal investigator and approved by the Committee. The IACUC may suspend an activity only after review of the matter at a convened meeting of a quorum of the IACUC and with the suspension vote of a majority of the quorum present;

(7) If the IACUC suspends an activity involving animals, the Institutional Official, in consultation with the IACUC, shall review the reasons for suspension, take appropriate corrective action, and report that action with a full explanation to APHIS and any federal agency funding that activity.

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2.33 (2) Each research facility shall assure that the attending veterinarian has appropriate authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care and to oversee the adequacy of other AWPpects of animal care and use. (USDA provides the authority and responsibility to the attending veterinarian to temporarily suspend an activity involving animals.)

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE POLICY (implementation of Public Law 99-158)

B. Functions of the IACUC

4. Review concerns involving the care and use of animals at the Institution;

C. IACUC Review of PHS-conducted or Supported Research Projects

6. The IACUC may suspend an activity that it previously approved if it determines that the activity is not being conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Animal Welfare Act, the Guide, the institution's Assurance, or IV.C.I.a-g of this Policy. The IACUC may suspend an activity only after a review of the matter at a convened meeting of a quorum of the IACUC and with the Suspension vote of a majority of the quorum present.

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F. Reporting Requirements

3. The IACUC, through the Institutional Official, shall promptly provide OLAW with a full explanation of the circumstances and actions taken with respect to: a. any serious or continuing noncompliance with this Policy; b. any serious deviation from the provisions of the Guide; any suspension of an activity by the IACUC.