



## **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Reporting Animal Care & Welfare Concerns or Noncompliance Items**

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The University of Texas at Dallas is committed to the humane treatment of all animals used in research. The use of live animals for the advancement of science and medicine is a privilege that carries a responsibility to follow all applicable laws, policies and procedures with animal welfare concerns in mind. The IACUC is responsible for ensuring that animal treatment is in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act, the PHS *Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, and the NIH *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*.

If you have concerns about the care and/or treatment of animals at UT Dallas, please contact the IACUC Coordinator listed below; if the concern is not adequately addressed, it should be taken immediately to the next administrative level:

- Kathan McCallister, Assistant Director of Animal Programs at (972) 883-2465
- Sanaz Okhovat, Senior Director of Research Compliance at (972) 883-4579
- Dr. Egeene Daniels, Attending Veterinarian at (817) 929-4053
- Dr. Tres Tompson, IACUC Chairman at (972) 883-4933
- Rafael Martin, Associate Vice-President for Research at (972) 883-4824

In the case of an emergency, please contact the UT Dallas Police Department at (972) 883-2331.

Your report can be written or verbally communicated. A form is available for providing a written report of concerns. You may provide the information anonymously, and the University will preserve your anonymity as much as possible. The individual whom you contact will forward your report or concern to the Office of Research Compliance and where applicable to the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) for review, investigation, and appropriate action. Please provide the following information (as well any other information you feel may be helpful):

1. Describe the incident.
2. Did you witness the incident personally?
3. When did the incident happen?
4. Where did the incident occur? (e.g. facility, room number and/or name of principal investigator)
5. Have you reported the incident to anyone else, and if so, what actions were taken and when?
6. Name of complainant and phone number or e-mail. (Optional)

### **Statement on Regulatory Authority**

As outlined in regulations issued pursuant to the Animal Welfare Act, the IACUC is required to “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.”

The USDA Animal Welfare Regulations provide protection against discrimination or other reprisals for reporting violations of the Animal Welfare Act (“whistleblower protection”). The regulations provide that “No facility employee, Committee member, or laboratory personnel shall be discriminated against or be subject to any reprisal for reporting violations of any regulations or standards under the Act.”