



Research Animal Protections: Institutional Animal Care and Use

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I. Purpose

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUC's) are self-regulating entities that, according to U.S. Federal law, must be established by institutions that use laboratory animals for research or instructional purposes. The IACUC is mandated by law to oversee and evaluate all aspects of an institution's animal care and use program.

II. Policy Statement

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval is required before any GS faculty, staff or student from any location engages with, acquires, or orders any animals for the purpose of conducting research and teaching activities involving the animals if ANY of the following categories apply:

Activities are to be conducted:

- with animals contacted, collected, housed, owned or leased by Georgia Southern University (GS);
- with free-living vertebrate wildlife if studies involve more than unobtrusive observation of animals in their natural habitats.

Examples include but are not limited to:

- invasive studies and studies with the potential to cause harm or materially alter the behavior of the animals by GS faculty, staff or students in their official roles.
- Animal protocols or instruction that occurs on property owned, leased, or managed by GS.
- Use of internal or external funds administered through GS for teaching or research activities, including clinical trials using contracted or privately owned animals.

Research or teaching conducted in collaboration with another institution or organization, including commercial entities, must be approved by the GS IACUC unless an alternate MOU or reliance agreement is reviewed and accepted by the GS IACUC.

III. Exclusions

There are no exclusions to this policy.

IV. Procedures

Procedures for the application, review and governance of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee are located on the Office of Research Integrity website.