

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Policy on Laboratory Animal Care and Use

This policy provides guidance for the humane use and treatment of animals used in research, teaching and testing at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). The Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a single "research facility" in accordance with the Federal Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131, et seq.; Title 9, C.F.R., Parts 1, 2 and 3, et seq.); the System Chancellor is the legally responsible official. In addition, UNLV has submitted a "Letter

accordance with approved policies governing the care and use of animals.

2. Submit animal use protocols to the IACUC as required by university policy and applicable federal laws and regulations. Also, submit requests for protocol changes in advance of initiating changes.

3. Maintain complete records of procedures undertaken during all animal experiments and studies. Such records must be maintained for at least one year after animal use is completed.

4. Maintain and use animals only in approved animal facilities whenever possible. Where animal use protocols dictate unusual environmental, or colony requirements that cannot be met in animal care facilities, to be sure that the campus IACUC and the NSHE Office of Laboratory Animal Medicine are advised in advance of the proposed animal use activity and that the Committee has approved of the activity.

5. Maintain a scholarly, sensitive and respectful environment during all animal experimentation, studies and.

6. Participate in continuing education and training programs designed to keep animal users abreast of the latest regulations and procedures. Faculty should also emphasize the role of animals in their studies when presenting research results or discussing human and animal diseases with lay audiences and should describe contributions of humanely conducted animal studies to the development of new technologies and treatment capabilities.

C. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee is appointed by the University Institutional Official (IO) who is the University President. The IACUC advises the IO, VPR, and Associate Vice President for Research about matters of animal care and utilization in research and teaching. The membership of the IACUC will meet the requirements of federal laws and will include members who are qualified through experience and expertise. The IACUC membership includes one Doctor of Veterinary Medicine with training or experience in laboratory animal science and medicine, who has direct or delegated program responsibilities for activities involving animals at UNLV, and at least one individual who is not affiliated with the university other than by service on the committee.

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