



## *Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Guidelines and Policies*

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### **REPORTING CONCERNS ABOUT ANIMAL CARE AND WELFARE**

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science is committed to the humane treatment of all vertebrate animals used in research and teaching at the school. The privilege to use live animals for the advancement of science and medicine carries with it the responsibility to follow applicable laws, policies, and procedures concerning animal welfare developed by the federal government and the University. If you have a concern involving the care or use of laboratory animals at Rosalind Franklin University, contact any one of the following:

- IACUC Coordinator at X8543 or X8321
- Director of the Biological Resources Facility at X8740 or X8321
- Attending Veterinarian on staff: 847-935-4766 or 312-503-1914
- Chair of IACUC at X3440
- Office of the Vice President for Research X8538
- Office of Compliance X3445 ; for anonymous reporting: 800-254-0460.

Your report can be written or verbally communicated. You may provide the information anonymously and, to the extent possible, the university will preserve your anonymity. The individual whom you contact will forward your report or concern to the University 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? (room number and/or name of principal investigator)*
- 5. Have you reported the incident to anyone else?*
- 6. Name of complainant and phone number or e-mail. (Optional)*



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As outlined in regulations issued pursuant to the Animal Welfare Act and found in 9 CFR § 2.31(c)(4), 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.”* (9 CFR § 2.32(c)(4)).

Additional information about Rosalind Franklin University’s whistleblower policy can be found at: <http://66.99.255.20/ooc/Compliance.cfm>