



Administrative Number: 3-32  
Responsible Office: Academic Affairs  
Responsible Officer: Vice President for  
Academic Affairs

## Policy on: Research and Teaching Animal Care and Use

### Purpose:

To assure that Winona State University (WSU) will comply with the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, and affirm the appropriate use of animals in research, teaching, educational display, and related activities.

### Policy:

WSU will comply with all applicable provisions of the Animal Welfare Act, other federal statutes and regulations, and its PHS Animal Welfare Assurance for Domestic Institutions in the use of animals in research and teaching, irrespective of purpose or funding source.

WSU has established and will maintain a program for activities involving animals guided by the U.S. Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Testing, Research, and Training and in accordance with the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* (the *Guide*) and its assurance with the PHS Office for Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW).

This policy covers research, teaching, display, and related activities involving animals when conducted by, or on behalf of, WSU faculty, staff, and students using university facilities or equipment, in the field, or at another institution because of sub-granting or sub-contracting research activities.

The president or delegate shall establish an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) in accordance with federal regulations to review WSU animal care and use protocols, animal facilities, and the overall animal program.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs, provides assurance of compliance with all applicable statutes, regulations, and guidelines and maintains and oversees the animal care program.

**President's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Responsible Officer's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Definitions:

- a. *Animal* refers to any live vertebrate animal (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, laboratory-bred rats and mice, and other lower vertebrates). For this policy, it does not refer to the U.S. Department of Agriculture definition of animal, which includes any live or dead dog, cat,

monkey (non-human primate mammal), guinea pig, hamster, rabbit, or other such warm-blooded animal such as wild species of rats and mice.

- b. *Educational display* means activities that include animals housed at WSU for display purposes but do not explicitly involve research or teaching. These animals do not include privately owned animals, such as pets, or service animals.
- c. *Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)* means the committee established by the president or delegate in accordance with federal regulations to ensure proper implementation of the WSU animal care and use program.

### **Subsequent Procedures:**

WSU Procedure 3.32.A: Research and Teaching Animal Care and Use

### **Related Documents**

- a) Public Health Service Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals
- b) Animal Welfare Act
- c) Winona State University Animal Welfare Assurance for Domestic Institutions
- d) U.S. Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Testing, Research, and Training
- e) *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*

### Policy History

**Date of Adoption:** Click or tap to enter a date.

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**Date and Subject of Revisions:**

WSU Regulation 3-32, dated December 2, 2008; November 4, 2011; March 5, 2012