

**IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (ISUPP)**  
**General Policy for Animal Use**  
**ISUPP 7030**

*POLICY INFORMATION*

**Policy Section:** *Research*

**Policy Title:** *General Policy for Animal Use*

**Responsible Executive (RE):** *Vice President for Research*

**Sponsoring Organization (SO):** *Research Outreach and Compliance*

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

As an institution dedicated to the development and dissemination of knowledge, ISU recognizes that carrying out this mission may at times require the use of animals. The issue of when and how animals are to be used for education and research is complicated and at times controversial. When such use is deemed appropriate, the University is responsible for ensuring it is done ethically, in full compliance with pertinent laws and regulations, and with consideration to humane treatment and scientific justification.

## **II. POLICY STATEMENT**

This policy establishes that all research conducted at ISU using animals will be governed by procedures and processes mandated by the U.S. Public Health Service, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and other regulatory authorities. To meet this responsibility, ISU has created an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, or IACUC (pronounced *Aye-ah-kook*). The IACUC reports to the “Institutional Official,” or “IO,” who is the President or his/her designee. Traditionally, ISU’s President has designated the Vice President for Research to fill this role. The IACUC is empowered by federal regulations to conduct general oversight, establish (and monitor compliance with) policies and procedures based on the regulations of the federal agencies mentioned above, conduct inspections of facilities, and fulfill other roles as required by federal regulations. The IACUC is also the proper body to contact with concerns about the proper and ethical use and care of animals under ISU auspices.

## **III. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The enforcement of this policy is the responsibility of the Vice President for Research.

## **IV. PROCEDURES**

The institutional use of animals for research and/or education is regulated by federal law. It is the responsibility of the IACUC to develop (and update as necessary) detailed policies and procedures which ensure ISU complies with federal requirements and national standards for animal use and care. The following references are procedures that are required to implement the IACUC's detailed policies and procedures and the federal regulations governing animal use in research.