

# *Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Clemson University*

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## **POLICY #11: INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC) POLICY ON TRAINING**

**Purpose:** US Government Principles, Health Research Extension Act of 1985 and the PHS Policy repeatedly refer to appropriately trained, qualified and experienced personnel. Additionally, the institution is required to make available appropriate instruction and training. Clemson University mandates that all individuals who use vertebrate animals in research, teaching, testing and demonstration will be trained. All principal investigators who oversee projects that use vertebrate animals are to complete training required by the IACUC and assure that other faculty, staff and students participating in the activity be listed on the protocol and receive appropriate training before the activity is initiated.

1. All individuals involved in any capacity with vertebrate animals at any Clemson University facility are required to complete a training program in the humane care and treatment of animals deemed appropriate by the IACUC for each individual's animal-related activity. To meet these training needs, web based, interactive animal care and use training modules have been developed for Clemson University faculty, staff, and students. All individuals listed on an Animal Use Protocol (AUP) at Clemson University are required to complete appropriate [online training modules](#) prior to working with animals. The specific training areas mandated by the Animal Welfare Act and the PHS Policy are described in the online training modules. Additional didactic and/or hands-on training may be required based on an individual's role in research or teaching activities involving the use of animals.
2. In the case of students participating in a teaching activity and therefore not listed on an AUP, training programs can take the form of web-based training and exams or classroom seminars. It is the responsibility of the faculty member to document appropriate training of students in a given course and to produce this documentation upon request.
3. All individuals enrolled in a class, conducting research, or working at any Clemson University facility in which live vertebrates and/or non-preserved specimens are used must enroll in the Medical Surveillance Program and also receive instructions on the zoonotic disease of the species to which they are exposed. This can be accomplished in several ways: lecture, video, handouts, or on-line training. The Occupational Health Nurse and Attending Veterinarian are available as resources.
4. If a class instructor, research supervisor or facility manager desires additional training regarding animal care and use or medical surveillance, he/she may contact the Office of Research Compliance to schedule the appropriate personnel to lecture to the class on the desired topic.
5. The IACUC Refresher course and MSP enrollment is required every 5 years.

For information concerning Non-Clemson Personnel see [IACUC Policy #18](#).