Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
Clemson University

POLICY #18: INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC) POLICY FOR NON-CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES INVOLVING CLEMSON UNIVERSITY OWNED ANIMALS

Policy: Clemson University (CU) is committed to the humane treatment of all vertebrate animals used in research, teaching, and testing. 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 government and the University. Clemson University has an approved Assurance document on file with the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW). All of Clemson University animal research facilities and programs have received full accreditation from the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC).

- The Principal Investigator (PI)/Project Manager (PM) is responsible for reviewing with the participant, information contained in his/her approved Animal Use Protocol (AUP) under which the animal activities are described.

Qualifications and Training
- Qualifications of a non-Clemson University participant covered by a CU AUP shall be evaluated via review of a current curriculum vitae (or suitable alternate document) and submitted to the Office of Research Compliance.

- The Principal Investigator/Program Manager is responsible for ensuring relevant training is provided to the non-CU participant. This training must include animal welfare and zoonotic information relevant to the activities being performed. The training requirement may be satisfied by completing CU’s animal welfare training program or by completing an IACUC approved alternative training plan.

- Technique specific training may also be required if the relevant skills are not evident in the CV review. The PI/PM must ensure completion of appropriate technique specific training, if needed.

Medical Surveillance
- The non-Clemson University participant is responsible to consult with their private or company’s occupational health care professional for provision of personal medical supervision.

- The non-Clemson University participant attests he/she is knowledgeable regarding zoonotic diseases transmitted by the animal species being used in the activities.

- The non-Clemson University participant agrees to assume and accept personal liability for injuries or illness resulting from his/her participation in the animal activities.

Animal Concerns
- The non-Clemson University participant will be provided information regarding how to report animal concerns to the IACUC.

Documentation
- Non-Clemson participants must sign documentation acknowledging their intention to comply with this policy. See Non-Clemson Personnel form.