

Clemson University

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

Policy Number: 3.1

Policy Title: The Use of Animals in Instructional Settings

Section 1: Purpose

The following policy provides guidance for personnel using live vertebrate animals during a class, workshop, or demonstration. Reference Policy #1.9, *Media Use in Research and Teaching Activities*, for further guidance on recording the use of animals for instructional purposes.

Section 2: Scope

This policy applies to all vertebrate animal activities that occur as a part of a class, workshop, or demonstration.

Section 3: Policy

When live vertebrates are to be used for teaching purposes in the classroom, laboratory, farm, or other setting, the following information should be included in each syllabus:

- a. A statement that live vertebrate animals will be used and the justification for their use
- b. A description of the proper care and use of study animals
- c. A description of the procedures, including whether procedure are survival or nonsurvival, and when they will be performed
- d. A description of the students' role in the activities
- e. A description of the level of discomfort the animal is likely to experience
- f. A description of the expected behaviors by the animals before, during, and after the activity
- g. An explanation that techniques taught and/or demonstrated are designed to be humane, safe, efficient, and involve the minimal amount of pain, discomfort, and distress possible
- h. A description of which techniques are at or above industry standards (if applicable) and which techniques are the best and most current available
- i. A statement that the observation and/or handling of live animals is not required of students and that:
 - i. alternative exercises will be assigned to students that do not wish to participate
 - ii. alternative exercises will allow students to successfully meet course requirements and objectives
- j. A description of the consequences of neglect or mistreatment of animals by students
- k. A description of how to communicate concerns about animal care and use
- l. A list of contact information for University officials involved in the oversight of animal care and use (i.e., the Attending Veterinarian, IACUC Chair, and IACUC Administrator)
- m. A statement that concerns will be confidential and will not affect the students' final grade.