

INTRODUCTION

The scientific advancements which have enhanced the well being of humans and animals have depended directly on research which includes animal studies. Scientists do recognize that there is a scientific and an ethical responsibility for the humane care and use of animals used in research and education. The intent of research is to provide data that will advance knowledge and provide immediate or potential benefits to humans and animals. Proper care and humane treatment of animals in research and education is based on knowledge of the husbandry and behavioral needs of each species. An investigator has the obligation to plan and conduct animal studies in accordance with scientific principles and policies for the humane care and use of animals in research, and teaching, as described in federal and state laws.

Why Is There An Animal Program?

- Legally required
- Provides for consistent quality animal care thereby ensuring healthy animals which promotes sound science
- Provides for the humane care and treatment of animals

What Can the Animal Care Program Do for You?

- Provide the best animal care possible in a consistent manner to ensure that you have healthy animals to provide reliable data
- Assist you in completing protocols and deciding when they are needed
- Provide veterinary care including preventative medicine, treatment of sick/injured animals, surgical assistance, post-operative care/pain management, euthanasia
- Provide training that covers areas including husbandry, surgery, anesthesia, safety issues, equipment use, etc.
- Help ensure the health and safety of personnel
- Keep you up to date with current techniques and equipment
- Provide a favorable and consistent environment for the animals to help reduce variables
- Serve as a resource to ensure regulatory compliance for funding and publications
- Assist with animal procurement and transport