

Policies and Procedures

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Purpose

It is the purpose of this policy to provide ethical, practical, humane, and reasonable methods for re-use of Creighton University-owned animals. In these cases, certain animals may be eligible for adoption or other disposition. In every circumstance, Creighton will adhere to all animal use laws, rules, regulations, and guidelines including those described in the “9 CFR,” the PHS Policy, the Guide for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, AAALAC, and international, state and local laws. In matters of perceived inconsistencies between this policy and another governing guidelines or statutes, the IACUC will review the issues raised and recommend an appropriate resolution to the Creighton University Institutional Official, who will serve as the arbitrator. This policy addresses the re-use of animals.

Application

Principal Investigators must indicate in writing when they wish to apply for the reuse of animals. The rationale for reuse must be clearly stated and the previous history of use for each animal documented. “Principal Investigators are strongly discouraged from advocating animal reuse as a reduction strategy, and reduction should not be a rationale for reusing an animal or animals that have already undergone experimental procedures especially if the well-being of the animals would be compromised. Veterinary consultation must occur when pain or distress is beyond the level anticipated the protocol description or when interventional control is not possible.” (*The Guide, p.5*)

To be eligible for reuse under this policy, the animal must not have any signs of compromised health; either natural or experimentally derived that would impair its ability to thrive. The Attending Veterinarian will examine the candidate(s) and determine their health status. Animals that, in the opinion of the Attending Veterinarian, show evidence of compromised health will not be eligible for reuse.

Animals that are reused under this policy will be reported to the IACUC by the Chair at the next routine meeting of the IACUC.

References

The Guide
NIH
Duke University