Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee  
Guidelines and Protocol for Animal Care and Use

The federal government and university policy require the review and approval of all use of live, nonhuman, vertebrate animals for instruction, research, research training, biological testing activities, or related purposes. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) has jurisdiction over the use of animals for these purposes by Wittenberg faculty and staff members in the course of their employment and by students working under the direction of Wittenberg faculty or staff or related to curricular, co-curricular, or extra-curricular activities. The IACUC has jurisdiction whether the animals are used on campus or at another location.

Protocols must be submitted to the IACUC at least forty-five days before the use is to begin. Protocols should be sent to Jeff Ankrom, Assistant Provost, 208 Recitation Hall. The IACUC must approve a protocol before animals can be used.

Approval for course-related uses of animals is granted for two years, provided no alterations are made in the animals’ care or use. An approved course protocol covers all sections of the course.

Proposed uses must comply with:

- The Animal Welfare Act of 1966, as amended  

- Implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations  

  http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/references/phspol.htm

- Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (National Research Council, 1996, revised edition)  
  http://www.nap.edu/readingroom/books/labrats/chaps.html

Send completed protocols to:

Jeff Ankrom  
Assistant Provost for Institutional Research & Planning  
208 Recitation Hall  
jankrom@wittenberg.edu

Either a hard copy or an electronic copy (CD, disk, or email attachment) is acceptable.
Additional resources are available online:

American Association for Laboratory Animal Science  
http://www.aalas.org

American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine  
http://www.aclam.org

American Society of Laboratory Animal Practitioners  
http://www.aslap.org

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), USDA  

Animal Welfare Information Center, USDA National Agricultural Library  
http://www.nal.usda.gov/awic

Applied Research Ethics National Association /Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, NIH, Office of Extramural Research, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Guidebook  

Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care  
http://www.aaalac.org

http://omnii.ucsb.edu/connect.acc/ess_index.html

Bibliography on Alternatives to Animal Testing (National Library of Medicine)  

Institute for Laboratory Animal Research, National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences  
http://dels.nas.edu/ilar

The Johns Hopkins University Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing  
http://caat.jhsph.edu
Protocol for Animal Care and Use

Name of Petitioner: 

Date of Petition: 

Dates of proposed use: 

1. Describe your research and its objectives or, if the proposed use is for instruction, describe your instructional activity and its objectives.

2. What are the rationale and purpose for using live, vertebrate animals, as opposed to other research or instructional methods? If replication of another study is proposed, explain why it is being replicated.

3. What species and how many of each species will be used? 
   Species: 
   Number: 

4. Who are the supplier(s) of each species?

5. Are invasive procedures going to be used?  
   □ Yes  □ No  
   If yes, describe the procedures. Discuss the availability or appropriateness of less invasive procedures, other species, isolated organ preparation, or cell tissue culture, or computer simulation.

6. Will sedation, analgesia, or anesthesia be used? 
   □ Yes  □ No  
   If yes, describe.
7. Will surgery be performed?  □ Yes  □ No

   If yes, describe the surgery and describe the post-operative care.

8. How and where (building and room number) will each species be housed? Describe the diet to be provided.

    Building and room number:

    Describe animal diet:

9. Describe the criteria and process for timely intervention if an animal shows signs of distress or exhibits complications related to the proposed research or instructional activities.

10. Describe the method of euthanasia or disposition of the animals.

11. Do the proposed activities, uses, diet, or housing deviate from the recommendations in the National Research Council’s Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Washington, DC: National Academy Press, 1996)?  □ Yes  □ No

    If yes, describe the deviation(s) and provide a rationale.

12. Identify all who will use or care for the animals and describe their training and experience.

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Signature      Date