Subject: Reporting Animal Welfare Concerns

BACKGROUND

Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare Regulations § 2.31 (c) (4) “Review, and, if warranted, investigate concerns involving the care and use of animals at the research facility resulting from public complaints received and from reports of noncompliance received from laboratory or research facility personnel or employees.”

The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (the Guide, NRC 2011) states: “Safeguarding animal welfare is the responsibility of every individual associated with the Program. The institution must develop methods for reporting and investigating animal welfare concerns, and employees should be aware of the importance of and mechanisms for reporting animal welfare concerns. In the United States, responsibility for review and investigation of these concerns rests with the IO and the IACUC.” (p. 23)

IACUC Policy and Procedure

In compliance with federal requirements, any individual with concerns involving the care and use of animals at this institution may have those concerns reviewed by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. The concerned party may remain anonymous and will be protected from discrimination and reprisal.

If you suspect mistreatment of animals or noncompliance with approved protocols, University policies, local, state or federal regulations or any other concerns, please contact any of the following:

Available 24/7:
WSU Office of Internal Audit (OIA) anonymous hotline: (313) 577-5138
The OIA also has a website where concerns can be reported anonymously: http://internalaudit.wayne.edu/report.php

The following individuals are available during normal business hours (after hours voicemails/emails are welcomed):
IACUC Office staff: (313) 577-1629
Research Compliance Specialist: (313) 577-3406
Division of Research, Institutional Official: (313) 577-9064
Institutional Veterinarian: (313) 577-1236
Email: IACUC@wayne.edu

In cases of emergency the WSU Police should be contacted immediately at (313) 577-2222.

All concerns will be investigated. The minimum report must include nature of concern, location of where the activity being reported occurred, date and approximate time of the incident. Whenever possible, indicate the name of the individuals involved in the activity and a protocol number if known.