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Policy Authority: Vice-President, Research and International

Associated Procedure: Procedures for the Treatment of Animals in Research and Teaching

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- 1.1 To ensure the ethical and humane treatment and handling of all animals used in teaching and research under the auspices of Simon Fraser University (“SFU”) and to facilitate research and teaching projects with animals in compliance with the guidelines and policies of the Canadian Council on Animal Care (“CCAC”) and SFU.

- 2.1 This policy applies to all research and teaching involving Animals that is undertaken under the auspices of SFU and/or using the resources of SFU. All projects must have an SFU faculty member (or equivalent) as Principal Investigator (“PI”).

- 3.1 See Appendix A for the definitions of words used in this policy and its associated procedures.

- 4.1 Animals used in research, teaching and testing by SFU faculty members, staff and students must be cared for and maintained in accordance with applicable laws, CCAC guidelines and policy statements, and the requirements of the Tri-Council Agreement on the Administration of Agency Grants and Awards by Research Institutions.

- 4.2 The Vice-President, Research and International shall establish an institutional Animal Care Committee (“UACC”) to concern itself with the ethical and responsible use and care of Animals in research, teaching, and testing. The Vice-President, Research and International has the authority to establish and to modify the responsibilities and powers of the AUCC.

- 4.3 SFU faculty members, staff, and students shall not acquire or use an Animal for research, teaching, or testing without prior written approval from the UACC.

- 5.3 Director of Animal Care has responsibility for:
- 5.3.1 the day-to-day care and welfare of all Animals used in research or teaching under the auspices of SFU;
 - 5.3.2 determining the appropriate method of fulfilling training requirements for all faculty members, staff, and students using Animals for teaching or research at SFU.
 - 5.3.3 the acquisition and disposal of Animals required for projects;
 - 5.3.4 monitoring the compliance of researchers with the terms of this policy and the terms of the approval of their projects; and
 - 5.3.5 maintenance of records.
- 6.1 The legal and other University Policy authorities and agreements that may bear on the administration of this policy and may be consulted as needed include but are not limited to:
- 6.1.1 *University Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 468
 - 6.1.2 *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 165
 - 6.1.3 All [current policies](#) of Canada Council on Animal Care
 - 6.1.4 The Tri-Council Agreement on the Administration of Agency Grants and Awards by Research Institutions
 - 6.1.5 *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 372
 - 6.1.6 *Criminal Code of Canada*, R.S.C. 1985, c C-46, sections 444-447
- 7.1 The information and records made and received to administer this policy are subject to the access to information and protection of privacy provisions of British Columbia's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the University's Information Policy series.
- 8.1 Information and records made and received to administer this policy are evidence of the University's actions to ensure the ethical and humane treatment and handling of all animals used in teaching and research. Information and records must be retained and disposed of in accordance with a records retention schedule approved by the University Archivist.
- 9.1 This policy must be reviewed every five years and may always be reviewed as needed.
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- 12.1 Appendix A contains the definitions applicable to this policy and its associated procedures.
- 12.2 Appendix B contains the terms of reference for the University Animal Care Committee.
- 12.3 The procedures for this policy are: Procedures for the Treatment of Animals in Research and Teaching