# ANIMALS IN INSTRUCTION AND RESEARCH

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Research in contemporary animal sciences is in many cases critically dependent on the use of animals. The use of animals at Rutgers is governed by University policy, which states that such use will be in accordance with the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, the NIH Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, the Animal Welfare Act, and other applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines. The University policy applies these regulations to all vertebrate animals, regardless of species or source of funding. Rutgers has an approved animal Welfare Assurance on file with NIH.

In accordance with University policy, no project using animals may be initiated without prior review and approval by the Animal Care and Facilities Committee. To oversee its animal care and use programs, the University has established the Animal Care and Facilities Committee, which has the responsibility to formulate policies and procedures governing the management and husbandry of laboratory animals maintained at the University for both research and instruction programs.

The Rutgers University "Animal Welfare Policy Governing the Use of Animals in Research, Instruction, and Demonstration" is available via a link from the following Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) webpage:  http://orsp.rutgers.edu/animals/default.php#general.