

**Colorado State University
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
(IACUC)**

Animal Care and Use Program Training Policy

Colorado State University (CSU) is committed to the ethical use of animals in fulfilling its research and teaching missions. Using animals for these purposes is a privilege, and it is incumbent upon each person to ensure that they have the necessary and appropriate training for the specific animal species and procedures employed. The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals¹ outlines the minimal training requirements for personnel involved in the Animal Care and Use Program.

Principal Investigators (PIs) and Facility Managers² must ensure that any personnel they supervise who will be working with live, vertebrate animals have been properly trained. This training includes:

- Online CSU IACUC Training, e.g. covers key personnel at CSU, applicable regulations and guidelines, IACUC responsibilities and investigator responsibilities.
- Enrollment in the Occupational Health and Safety Program, e.g. complete online risk assessment form, and related medical history forms.
- Training in the procedures they will be performing.

PIs and Facility Managers must keep accurate and up-to-date records documenting the training of any personnel listed on any of their IACUC protocols. CSU IACUC is responsible for ensuring personnel exposed to and using animals in research, teaching, and testing are adequately trained and qualified. These documents should be updated with their IACUC protocols and available for review during semiannual inspections, or other post approval monitoring.

Institutional Endorsement

The “Animal Care and Use Program Training Policy” approved by the IACUC on November 16, 2021 for recommendation to the Institutional Official supports the research, teaching, and service mission of Colorado State University, and ensures that the welfare of animal subjects used therein will be protected. Therefore, as the Institutional Official, I declare the IACUC-recommended policy to be the policy of the Colorado State University Animal Care and Use Program.



Institutional Official

December 27, 2021
Date

¹ [The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#)

² Reference: [CSU IACUC Animal Facilities Manager Responsibilities Policy](#)