

**ANNUAL REPORT
2007-2008**

**Animal Care and Use Committee
University of North Alabama
Florence, Alabama**

Thomas M. Haggerty 2007-2008 Chair, Animal Care and Use Committee
Title and name of Committee

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Date Submitted

SUBMITTED TO: George Makowski, Shared Governance Committee Chair

I. The Executive Summary

In 2007-2008, the UNA Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) reviewed and approved one research application that involved the use of vertebrate animals (application submitted by Dr. Glen Marvin). Members of the committee (Haggerty and Hudiburg) toured the UNA lions housing facility to examine the procedures used to administer the proper care for the lion mascots. No change in the committee's charge is recommended at this time.

II. The Committee's Charge

1. To review compliance with and administer the Public Health Service Policy on the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.
2. To examine the Public Health Service Policy on the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals annually for policy changes.
3. To propose changes in University practices relating to laboratory animals.

III. Committee Meetings

The Committee [Dr. Gabriela Carrasco, Dr. Thomas Haggerty (Chair), Dr. Pricilla Holland (ex officio), Dr. Richard Hudiburg and Dr. Terry Richardson] carried out the committees charge thorough the exchange of electronic mail.

IV. Committee Actions and Accomplishments

The new forms for evaluating research using vertebrate animals in laboratories were used for the first time (Appendix 1). This new documentation insures that vertebrate animals used by faculty, staff and students for research are treated with respect and are cared for humanely and safely. The new documentation applies to Public Health Service (PHS) supported projects, as well as other research-supported activities (e.g., UNA research grants, state supported grants) that use vertebrate animals. The policy insures that UNA is following the rules and regulations published in the

, the
, and the Animal Welfare Act.

Dr. Dan Howard gave the committee a tour of the UNA habitat for the mascot lions in December 2007. The tour indicated that the lion facility and care given to the lions are maintained at a very high standard. The committee was told that federal inspectors carry out unannounced inspections yearly.

To carry out the charge of the IACUC, forms have been created and revised (Appendix)

V. Formal Recommendations

- Approve the revised policy and forms so that the charge of the IACUC can be carried out consistently and efficiently.
- No change in the committee's charge is recommended at this time.

VI. Future Objectives

- Elect a new chairperson for IACUC for 2008-09 academic year.
- Review research proposals that involve the use of vertebrate animals in the laboratory.
- Inspect the facilities of those projects that have been approved by the IACUC using forms B and C.

Animal Welfare Policy of the University of North Alabama

A. Introduction

It is the policy of the University of North Alabama (UNA) that the vertebrate animals that are used by faculty, staff and students of UNA for research are treated with respect and should be cared for humanely and safely. To insure that the UNA policy for the humane and safe

UNA INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE
ANIMAL CARE AND USE APPLICATION – **RESEARCH (FORM A)**
(Attach Copy of Research Proposal)

1) Faculty/Staff Member in charge of class
Name

Department

Campus address

Campus phone Email

Rank: Faculty Staff Undergraduate Student

If student (Give the following information):

Name of supervisor

Address

Phone number of supervisor

2) Project Title

Status: New **Renewal

3) Term of project Start End

Completion and signing of this form are the responsibility of the faculty member in charge. Completion of the approval process will fulfill Public Health Service and USDA Animal Welfare Act requirements, and will serve to remind users and the public of UNA's commitment to humane care and use of animals.

In signing this form, I assure that discomfort and injury to animals will be limited to that which is unavoidable in the conduct of valid scientific research. I have consulted with a veterinarian when potentially painful procedures are to be performed. I further assure that all applicable licenses and permits have been obtained and copies are attached to this document. I agree to comply with UNA's IACUC policies and procedures, and all applicable state and federal laws governing animal welfare.

****This application must be submitted on a new complete form every three years, more**

Return to Colony

Return to Wild

Transfer to Different Project

Title of Different Project

Harvesting for Additional Use

Describe How the Animal will be killed:

Please Explain Additional Use

UNA INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE
ANIMAL CARE AND USE APPLICATION - **ANIMAL HOUSING (FORM B)**

IACUC CHAIR/Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Attending Veterinarian (large mammals and birds only) –

_____ Date _____

UNA Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Inspection Form (Form C)

University Representatives