HUMANE CARE AND USE OF ANIMALS

Effective Date: 6/27/2012

Definition: California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) has responsibility for the care and use of live, non-human vertebrate animals involved in research, research training, experimentation, biological testing, teaching, and related activities.

Authority: EO 890; Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Scope: This policy concerns the care and use of live, non-human vertebrate animals for research, research training, experimentation, biological testing, teaching, and related activities. This policy applies to such research conducted:
1) by CSUSM faculty, staff, or students;
2) at any CSUSM site or facility.

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Background:
California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) has responsibility for the care and use of live, non-human vertebrate animals involved in research, research training, experimentation, biological testing, teaching, and related activities. This policy applies to such research conducted:
1) By CSUSM faculty, staff, or students or
2) At any CSUSM site or facility.
The University maintains an Assurance with the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW). The University will ensure that all individuals involved in the care and use of laboratory animals understand their individual and collective responsibilities for the care and use of animals in research and teaching.

Authority:
In accordance with the University’s OLAW Assurance, CSUSM complies with all applicable provisions of the Animal Welfare Act and other Federal statutes and regulations relating to animals. The University is guided by the "U.S. Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Testing, Research, and Training." CSUSM also maintains programs and procedures for activities involving animals in accordance with the “Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.” The University maintains programs and procedures as required by the above regulations.

The lines of authority and responsibility for administering the program and ensuring compliance with this Policy are as follows:
The President or designee (the Associate Vice President for Research) is authorized to take appropriate action to implement regulations required by funding and regulatory agencies on the care and use of animals in research and instruction. The President or designee (the Associate Vice President for Research), shall appoint and maintain an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), which must perform review and oversight functions required by Public Health Service (PHS) Policy, the Animal Welfare Act (AWA), and the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (the Guide).

All research involving non-human vertebrate animals regardless of funding shall be submitted to the IACUC according to the procedures set forth by this committee.