

Animal Research

The University of San Diego is committed to the ethical treatment and use of animals in all teaching and research activities conducted on campus. As part of this commitment, the University complies with all applicable provisions of the Animal Welfare Act and other laws and regulations relating to teaching and research activities involving animals. The University's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) oversees the ethical use of animals for all teaching and research activities at USD and ensures compliance with applicable animal welfare laws and guidelines. The University's IACUC website contains additional information: <https://www.sandiego.edu/cas/faculty-resources/iacuc/>.

Any individual who wishes to report concerns about the treatment of animals in teaching or research activities at the University may contact any member of the IACUC, the dean or department chair who oversees the academic unit in which the concern arose, the Department of Human Resources, or the University Auditor. Anonymous reports may also be made through the University's anonymous reporting hotline. Information about how to make an anonymous report can be found here: <https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/44558/index.html>.

The University's Faculty Handbook also provides information on the ethical treatment of animals for all University faculty: <http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/faculty-resources/documents.php/faculty-handbook.pdf>.

Other helpful resources for animal researchers:

- Animal research is governed by a federal law called the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The full text of AWA can be found at 7 U.S.C. § 2131-2156: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2015-title7/html/USCODE-2015-title7-chap54.htm>. While other laws and policies may discuss animal care and use, all refer to AWA as the minimum acceptable standard.
- The Department of Agriculture, which oversees the implementation of AWA, is a good resource for gathering information regarding AWA: <https://www.nal.usda.gov/awic/animal-welfare-act>.

For more information about animal research at the University, please contact the IACUC chair.