



Reporting Animal Welfare Concerns or Animal Protocol Noncompliance

*This document should be posted in any space on campus where live research animals may be present.

There are multiple ways to report your concerns. Please choose one of the following:

1. Contact the Office of Animal Care and Use (OACU) at 919-966-5569 or e-mail iacuc@med.unc.edu or CB 7193. Ask for the Education & Oversight Team or the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Director, Tracy Heenan.
2. Contact the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research at (919) 962-1319 (Animal Program Institutional Official) or email Andy Johns, University Research Compliance Officer, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Research at andy_johns@unc.edu.
3. Contact the UNC-Chapel Hill Compliance Line 24/7 by phone at 866-294-8688 (toll free and anonymous) or online at <https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/10808/index.html>.

Provide the following information (other information may be helpful):

1. Describe the incident.
2. Did you witness the incident yourself?
3. When did the incident happen (time and date)?
4. In which animal facility or principal investigator laboratory did this incident occur (building name and room number and/or name of principal investigator)?
5. Have you reported the incident to anyone else, and if so, when and what action was taken?
6. Name of complainant and phone number or e-mail (optional).

You may provide the information anonymously and to the extent that it is possible, the university will preserve your anonymity. It is helpful for the IACUC to have as much information as possible in order to conduct a thorough investigation.

The USDA Animal Welfare Regulations and North Carolina law provide specific protection for employees, IACUC members, or laboratory personnel against discrimination or other reprisals for reporting violations of the Animal Welfare Act (whistleblower protection).