



## Reporting Animal Welfare Concerns or Self-Reporting Incidents

**Animal Welfare Concerns:** There are multiple ways to report an animal welfare concern. You may provide the information anonymously and to the extent that it is possible, the university will preserve your anonymity. 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 (i.e., Whistleblower Protection).

- Contact the Office of Animal Care and Use (OACU) at 919-966-5569 or [iacuc@med.unc.edu](mailto:iacuc@med.unc.edu). Ask for the Education & Oversight Team or the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Director, Tracy Heenan, or
- 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](mailto:andy_johns@unc.edu), or
- 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:
  - *Date; Principal Investigator (PI) name or individuals involved; location; species; # animals*
  - *Description of incident*
  - *Have you reported the incident to anyone else, and if so, when and what action was taken?*
  - *Name and phone number or e-mail (optional)*



**Self-reports:** Self-reports demonstrate an individual's proactive effort to make the IACUC aware of an issue, prevent future incidents, and contribute to the scientific community. As federal regulations require the IACUC to investigate any potential animal welfare issue or non-compliance, a redacted summary will be presented to the Animal Concern Subcommittee (ACS) to assist in providing recommendations to the IACUC. While it may not apply, should the event be determined to involve a federally funded non-compliant activity, federal policy requires that the IACUC notify the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) and determine whether the NIH should be reimbursed for the non-compliant portion of the project.

- Consult with DCM (technician, veterinarian)
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- Provide the following information:
  - *Date; individuals involved; species; # animals; location; Protocol #; PI; federally-funded project*
  - *Description of incident*
  - *Deviations from approved protocol (if any)*
  - *Steps to avoid future incidents*