

The use of animals at Sam Houston State University by personnel or by students or other agents under the direction of University employees is a privilege that carries unique professional and moral obligations. Use of these animals, whether involved with teaching, research, or demonstration activities, along with housing venomous animals, carries an obligation that these animals are housed in appropriate facilities and are treated in a safe and humane manner. There are a number of federal rules and regulations governing numerous aspects of the care and housing of animals. In addition to mandating the formation of an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) at all Universities using animals, [federal guidelines](#) [Public Health Service (PHS)/ Animals and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)/Animal Welfare Act (AWA)] also provide direction for the IACUC, in terms of overall guidelines.

The IACUC of Sam Houston State University (SHSU), in an effort to meet or 1-26(lom)] TJETBT1 B71 B7

Research, teaching, display and demonstration, and venomous animal protocols must be submitted and approved for the length of the project or for three (3) years, whichever is shorter. Animal Colony protocols must be submitted and approved for three (3) years.

Any faculty, staff, students, or others wishing to report acts or situations where they believe animals in the possession of University employees or their agents are not being properly cared for or inhumanely treated may report their concerns to the IACUC Chair by the following methods: call (936/294-4875) or write (Box 2448, SHSU, Huntsville, TX 77341). The name of the person reporting acts of negligence, abuse, or improper housing conditions is kept confidential within the committee. For an appropriate investigation by the IACUC to take place, those reporting an alleged incident should specify animal(s), personnel involved, place, date, time, location, and any other necessary information to allow a full and complete investigation by IACUC. For an allegation to be acted upon by the IACUC, the name and a contact method of the person making the allegation must be provided, and the allegation must be filed within three (3) working days of the alleged incident.

1. PURPOSE

Sam Houston State University (SHSU) has an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) as required following guidelines of the National Institute of Health (NIH publication no. 92-3415: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/GuideBook.pdf>). The IACUC was appointed and given authority to assure SHSU compliance with existing federal rules and regulations covering the care and use of animals. It is a privilege, not a right, for employees of SHSU and their agents to utilize animals in their teaching, research, demonstration and display activities as part of their official duties.

2. MANDATE

The IACUC of SHSU performs its tasks based upon rules and guidelines primarily found in the *Animal Welfare Regulations* in the *Animal Welfare Act* (AWA, 1966, amended 1985, 1992, 1998). See also http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/awa_info.shtml and the *Public Health Service Policy for the Humane Care and Use Of Lab Animals* (PHS Policy, 2002) <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/references/PHSPolicyLabAnimals.pdf> with clarification

(<http://www.nal.usda.gov/awic/pubs/97issues.htm>). Activities of the committee are to: 1) inspect all facilities two times per year where animals are housed or maintained

facility, at which time a new form must be submitted for approval by the IACUC.

- 4.02 Form B Teaching: University employees or their agents in an official capacity, where animals are used in teaching activities, are required to complete and submit for approval to the IACUC a *Form B*. There can be several parts of this packet that are required to be completed, based upon the individual project. Approved proposals shall cover the use of animals in these

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