Federal law requires Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee review and prior approval for all use of vertebrates in teaching and research.
Regulatory Agencies

- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
  Animal Welfare Act (AWA)

- Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW)
  Public Health Service Policy
Animals Covered by the Regulations

- **AWA**: Any live or dead warm-blooded animals used in research, experimentation, teaching, or testing, except rats, mice, birds used in research. *(9 CFR 1.1)*

- **PHS**: Any live, vertebrate animal used or intended for use in research, research training, experimentation, or biological testing or for related purposes. *(Policy III.A.)*

- Vertebrates include, without limitation, all fish, birds, amphibians, reptiles, and mammals.
Animal Care Committee (IACUC)

- Shall review and approve, require modifications in or withhold approval of protocols or proposed changes in ongoing activities.
- Has authority to suspend any activity involving animals.
- Reviews and investigates allegations of noncompliance.
- Makes recommendations to the Institutional Official regarding any aspect of the institution's animal program, facilities, or personnel training.
- Conducts continuing review of protocol activities at least annually.
- Inspects animal facilities and laboratories at least semiannually.
Where to Find Additional Information

www.osp.gatech.edu/compliance/animals/animals.htm

Also at this site:

- IACUC Policies and Procedures
- All application forms required for review
- Information on mandatory training requirements
- Reporting concerns regarding animal care and use

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