

## **POLICY REGARDING ANIMAL USE IN LEARNING OR TEACHING**

### **PURPOSE:**

This document serves to outline the use of animals in learning or teaching activities, and to what extent involved individuals need to be trained or approved to work with animals.

### **POLICY:**

Any learning activity (teaching or demonstration) involving live vertebrate animals at Liberty University must be approved by the IACUC. Any such activity must be done in accordance with Liberty University policies and guidelines, the Animal Welfare Act, the Public Health Service Policy, and the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

The Principal Investigator is responsible for ensuring that all participants (instructors, TAs, and students) using live vertebrate animals are listed on the protocol. The PI must also ensure that all participants are properly trained, informed, and aware of any regulatory requirements, hazards, or risks involved in the activity.

### **CLASSIFICATIONS**

- Observers
  - May be in close proximity to animals during a learning activity, but do not handle the animals or perform any procedures
- Short-Term Participants/Students
  - Those participating in a learning activity involving 30 or fewer consecutive days of animal use or 15 or fewer total days of animal use over a six month period
- Long-Term Participants/Students
  - Those participating in a learning activity involving more than 30 consecutive days of animal use, or more than 15 total days of animal use over a six month period.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ABOVE CLASSIFICATIONS**

- Observers
  - Not required to be listed on the animal use protocol; no CITI training is required
  - Not required to undergo mandatory training
  - Must be escorted by the PI, or a member of the PI's staff listed on the protocol
- Short-Term Participants/Students
  - Not required to be listed on the animal use protocol; no CITI training is required
  - PI must send a list of participants with the following information to the IACUC:
    - Associated with LU: Full name, Flame pass ID #
    - Unassociated with LU: Full name, title, affiliated institution
  - Must receive information on health risks and required PPE
  - Must undergo a training or orientation session administered by the PI
  - Must be supervised by the PI, or a member of the PI's staff listed on the protocol
- Long-Term Participants/Students
  - Must be listed on the animal use protocol; CITI training is required
  - Must undergo a training or orientation session administered by the PI
  - Must be supervised by the PI, or a member of the PI's staff listed on the protocol