

## **POLICY REGARDING THE REPORTING OF ANIMAL CONCERNS**

### **PURPOSE:**

Liberty University is committed to protecting the welfare of all laboratory animals used in teaching and research. It is the responsibility of the IACUC to ensure that animals are being treated humanely and responsibly in accordance with Public Health Services Policy, the Animal Welfare Act, and the University's policies and guidelines. This document serves to provide information on how to report animal use concerns to the appropriate authorities.

### **POLICY:**

All persons involved with the use of animals in research or teaching must be provided with adequate training on how to report concerns regarding animal care and use. Anyone may report an alleged incident, and under no circumstances will such reporting be detrimental to an individual's standing with the University. No person will be discriminated against or subject to any reprisal for reporting a concern or violation of any animal care policies or standards.

The IACUC is required by law to investigate any alleged reports of animal abuse or mistreatment. If you observe or suspect animal abuse, mistreatment, or non-compliance with any federal, state, or local laws, or non-compliance with approved procedures, please report the incident. The IACUC will investigate all claims and will maintain confidentiality in all matters.

### **METHODS FOR REPORTING CONCERNS**

Please use any of the following methods to report animal welfare concerns:

- **ANONYMOUS FORM AVAILABLE ON THE IACUC WEBSITE**  
[https://liberty.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9norlIBTcjFgdp3](https://liberty.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9norlIBTcjFgdp3)
- **LIBERTY UNIVERSITY IACUC**  
434-582-2827  
iacuc@liberty.edu
- **UNIVERSITY VETERINARIAN**  
434-582-2485  
dmcguint@liberty.edu
- **IACUC CHAIR**  
434-592-6985  
jwbrewer1@liberty.edu
- **THE RESPONSIBLE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (PI)**
- **THE LABORATORY MANAGER**