



Policy Statement #17–01 Animal Use Policy
Faculty of Science, Mahidol University–Institutional
Animal Care and Use Committee (MUSC–IACUC)

Faculty of Science, Mahidol University (MUSC) is committed to the humane and use of animals in research, testing and teaching. In support of this commitment, the MUSC is also committed to maintaining accreditation by the AAALAC International and compliance with all appropriate governmental laws, regulations and policies. The animal use policy set standards in areas as follow:

1. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee shall advise the Institutional Official in all matters relating to the care and use of animals in research, testing and teaching, and shall assure that all such programs comply with all MUSC Animal Care and Use policies.
2. Animal care and use shall be conducted with due consideration for the health and comfort of the animals, including those pertaining to occupational health and environmental health and safety.
3. Research, testing and teaching involving animals shall be conducted using methods that are appropriate for the study.
4. Pain and distress shall be relieved by the appropriate use of anesthetics, analgesics or other procedures throughout the experiment except when it has been specifically determined that the use of such drugs or procedures would defeat the purpose of the experiment and there is no available alternative.
5. The investigator in charge of the research, testing and teaching activity is responsible for ensuring that all subordinate personnel have received appropriate training and instruction in the humane care and use of animals before subordinate individuals are involved in animal use.
6. The IACUC may revise these policies or develop new policies and guidelines relative to specific techniques or types of research. Such policies will be published and made available to investigators.
7. When an IACUC member has a conflict of interest, the member should notify the IACUC Chair and may not participate in the IACUC review or approval except only to provide information.