

## **15.99.07.E1 Use of Vertebrate Animals**

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Supplements System Regulation 15.99.07

### **Rule Statement**

In accordance with System Regulation 15.99.07, *Use of Vertebrate Animals*, Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) will comply with all applicable laws and regulations relating to activities involving the humane and ethical treatment of vertebrate animals used in research, teaching, and testing.

### **Reason for Rule**

This rule is required by A&M System Regulation 15.99.07, and describes the review and approval process for activities involving the use of vertebrate animals.

### **Procedures and Responsibilities**

#### **1. GENERAL**

- 1.1 In accordance with A&M System Regulation 15.99.07, *Use of Vertebrate Animals*, TEES will comply with all applicable standards including the Animal Welfare Act (7 USC 2131-259) and Amendments and the Animal Welfare Regulations (9 CFR chapter 1).
- 1.2 All vertebrate animals, including animals not owned by TEES used in research, teaching or testing regardless of the funding sources, shall be provided humane care and treatment and falls within the scope of this rule.
- 1.3 In addition to on-campus activities, this rule includes teaching, testing, and research conducted:
  - 1.3.1 In the field by member researchers staff;
  - 1.3.2 At another institution as part of a joint contract;
  - 1.3.3 With client-owned animals participating in research studies.
- 1.4 TEES Risk and Compliance is the responsible office for compliance associated with TEES awards, and will closely coordinate with the Texas A&M University (TAMU) Office of Research Compliance and Biosafety, research administrators, the principal investigator (PI), and other appropriate parties in the coordination of Institutional Animal Use and Care Committee (IACUC).

- 1.5 TEES has an intrasystem agreement in place with TAMU to utilize their IACUC as necessary. TEES will comply with all the rights, duties and responsibilities as outlined in this agreement as it pertains to such research.
- 1.6 The TEES Deputy Director is the Institutional Official (IO). The IO ensures compliance with applicable state and federal law any may collaborate with appropriate institutional officials to place sanctions on researchers failing to comply with these laws, or failing to comply with System regulations, policies, procedures and guidelines.

## 2. PROCEDURES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

- 2.1 All research conducted under TEES, including cooperative research in which vertebrate animals are utilized must be both reviewed and approved by the TAMU IACUC. For more information regarding the approval process, please refer to the [TAMU Office of Research Compliance and Biosafety Web site](#).
- 2.2 Research administrators will notify TEES Risk and Compliance of all compliance issues for TEES involving the use of vertebrate animals.
- 2.3 Responsibility for ensuring that all research involving vertebrate animals is submitted to the TAMU IACUC for review and approval lies with both the PI and division/department head, research administrators, and TEES Risk and Compliance.
- 2.4 Policies and procedures for criteria, review, and approval by the TAMU IACUC for research involving animal will be conducted in accordance with TAMU Rules.
- 2.5 TAMU Vice President of Research Staff will meet with the IO, at least annually, to provide a report of services covered under the intrasystem agreement.

## 3. COMPLIANCE

Reports and allegations of noncompliance with applicable laws, policies, regulations, rules, and procedures may be submitted to the Director for Risk and Compliance at TEES, the TAMU Office of Research Compliance and Biosafety, or via the [TAMUS Risk, Fraud, and Misconduct Hotline](#).

## 4. RECORDKEEPING

Records will be kept in accordance with System Regulation 15.99.07 and TEES procedure 61.99.01.E0.01, *Records Management*.

## **Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements**

[The Animal Welfare Act \(7 U.S.C. § 2131-2159\) and Amendments and the Animal Welfare Regulations \(9 CFR chapter 1\).](#)

[Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals \(National Institutes of Health\)](#)

[Health Research Extension Act of 1985](#)

[U.S. Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Testing, Research, and Training](#)

[Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#)

[Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching](#)

[United States Department of Agriculture Animal Care Policies](#)

[Regulation 61.99.01](#), Retention of State Records

[TAMU SAP 15.03.99.M0.01](#), Use of Animals in Teaching, Research, and Testing

[TEES SAP 61.99.01.E0.01](#), Records Management

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