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ANIMAL CARE: Respect for animals in teaching and research

Approval Authority	President
Responsible Executive	Provost and Vice-President, Academic
Related Policies / Legislation	Human Research Ethics (54)

PURPOSE

The University of the Fraser Valley maintains the highest possible standards of animal care and use in research, teaching, and testing, and works to ensure that the rights of live animals are respected and protected by establishing protocols that must be followed. Protocols integrate the principles of both Indigenous and Western knowledge systems to ensure that animals are protected and preserved for future generations. and embedded within a holistic view of ecosystems. The University will follow all of the current policies and guidelines of the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC).

SCOPE

“Animal” refers to all non-human living vertebrates and higher invertebrates as defined by the CCAC.

POLICY

- a. Stop any procedure if it determines that unnecessary distress or pain is being experienced by an animal.
- b. Stop immediately any use of animals that has not been approved by the ACC.
- c. Stop immediately any use of animals which deviates from the approved use, or any non-approved procedure.
- d. Have an animal euthanized humanely if pain or distress caused to the animal is not part of the approved protocol and/or cannot be alleviated.

Non-Compliance

Article 2.1 Improper care of use of animals in research, teaching, or testing is a serious offence, subject to severe penalties, including the withdrawal of animal use privileges and/or disciplinary action.

Article 2.2 Using animals in teaching, research, or testing that is not approved by the ACC constitutes non-compliance.

Article 2.3 the ACC must report breaches of compliance to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, and the Associate Vice-President of Research, Engagement, and Graduate Studies. They will work with and advise the ACC on corrective actions.

LINKS:

<https://ufv.ca/acc/terms-of-reference/>

<https://ccac.ca/>

<https://ccac.ca/en/standards/guidelines/>

<https://ccac.ca/en/certification/about-certification/policies-and->