



POLICY

TITLE:	Adopted Standards for Animal Care
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Responsible Department:	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
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Purpose of Policy: Establishes the National Research Council's [Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#), which encompasses the [Public Health Service Policy](#), the [Animal Welfare Act \(AWA\)](#) and [Animal Welfare Regulations](#), [AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals](#) and the [Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching](#), as the basis upon which Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) has established its policies regarding minimal standards of care for animals used in teaching and research.

Policy Information: WesternU expects that, by following the guidelines, policies or procedures indicated above, investigators will design and conduct their experiments involving animals in the highest scientific, humane and ethical manner possible.