

| Institutional Animal Care & Use Program - UTEP | |
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| Title: Reporting Animal Welfare Concerns | |
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A) Background

Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare Regulations § 2.31 (c) (4) "Review, and, if warranted, investigate concerns involving the care and use of animals at the research facility resulting from public complaints received and from reports of noncompliance received from laboratory or research facility personnel or employees."

The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (the Guide, NRC 2011) states: "Safeguarding animal welfare is the responsibility of every individual associated with the Program. The institution must develop methods for reporting and investigating animal welfare concerns, and employees should be aware of the importance of, and the mechanisms for, reporting them. In the United States, responsibility for review and investigation of these concerns rests with the IO and the IACUC."

B) Policy

In compliance with federal requirements, any individual may report concerns regarding the care and use of animals at UTEP. regarding the care and use of animals at this institution may have them The report will be reviewed by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. The concerned party may remain anonymous and will be protected from discrimination and reprisal.

If you suspect mistreatment of animals or non-compliance with approved protocols, University policies, local, state, or federal regulations, or any other concerns, please contact any of the following individuals:

- IACUC Office: 915-747-6056, iacuc@utep.edu
- University of Texas at El Paso Veterinarian: eweich2@utep.edu

- In cases of emergency, the University of Texas at El Paso Police should be contacted immediately at 915-747-5611.
- UTEP Compliance Helpline 1-888-228-7713, [Compliance Helpline](#)

The IACUC office also has a website where concerns can be reported anonymously, it can be reported [here](#). All concerns will be investigated. If there are concerns about potential discrimination or reprisal, the incident will automatically be routed to the Institutional Compliance Office via the compliance helpline.

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