

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL CENTER

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ANIMAL RESEARCH POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of this LSU Agricultural Center policy statement is to define and establish guidelines on the care and use of animals in research projects.

Practices Regulations, and the Public Health Services Animal Welfare Policy. These laws require the establishment of review committees, unannounced facilities in inspections and accurate, detailed record keeping.

General Policy

The LSU Agricultural Center serves the state of Louisiana by developing educational and research programs that enhance the health and well being of humans and animals. Underlying this policy is the belief that the use of animals in research is necessary but a privilege with accompanying responsibilities. These responsibility include clean and adequate animal holding facilities, availability of proper food and water, trained animal maintenance personnel, appropriate veterinary care and the humane use of anesthetics, analgesics and other comfort remedies when animals are subject to research activities or used in classroom demonstrations.

The LSU Agricultural Center has an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee composed of agricultural research scientists, a veterinarian and local community residents. This committee ensures that the care and use of animals are humane and appropriate for the proposed research or the teaching demonstration.

The LSU Agricultural Center complies fully with the Animal Welfare Act of 1966, as amended in 1990 to include farm animals, the Health Research Extension Act of 1985, the Good Clinical Practices Regulations, the Good Laboratory