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## I. INTRODUCTION (Purpose and Intent)

The University of South Florida System ("USF System") affirms that respect for all forms of life is an inherent characteristic of scientists who conduct research involving animals; that the respectful treatment, care, and use of animals involved in research is an ethical and scientific necessity; and that the use of animals in research and teaching contributes to the advancement of knowledge and understanding.

Accordingly, the USF System has established and provides resources for an Animal Care and Use Program that is managed in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act, Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Subchapter A, "Animal Welfare," Parts 1-3, and the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

All research and teaching activities involving vertebrate animals must be conducted in accordance with the USF System Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) policies, available in the policies section of the Office of Research & Innovation web site: [www.research.usf.edu/cm/CMDUC/IACUCPolicies.pdf](http://www.research.usf.edu/cm/CMDUC/IACUCPolicies.pdf)

## II. INSTITUTIONAL OFFICIAL

The Vice President for Research & Innovation is the administrative official responsible for the Animal Care and Use Program. The Vice President for Research & Innovation has appointed an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) that is responsible for the oversight and evaluation of the animal care and use program, procedures, and facilities.

## III. INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

