

Animal Welfare Policy Statement University of South Alabama

The responsible use of animals is an essential part of the research, education and service missions of the University of South Alabama. It is the University community's responsibility to insure that these animals are used and cared for in a humane way. If you observe, or are informed about, inhumane or inappropriate care or use of an animal at the University, you should report the problem to the University so that action can be taken. You may address your concerns to the following, depending on your preference:

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Although it is preferred that those reporting problems identify themselves, it is not necessary. Anonymous reports will also be investigated.

You can report any suspected offenses of fraud, theft, waste, abuse or violations of University policies and/ or State or Federal laws via the **University of South Alabama Whistleblower Hotline (1-844-666-3599)** which is hosted by a third party hotline provider, EthicsPoint.

All reports of potential animal welfare concerns are investigated by the IACUC.

As per the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, 8th edition*, the concerned/reporting party is protected from discrimination and reprisals.

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