ANIMALS IN INSTRUCTION

A. Purpose
   To explain IACUC policies for Animal Subject Approval Forms associated with teaching.

B. Guidelines

1. ASAFs requested for animal use in teaching must include:
   a. Explanation of Animal Treatment
      All procedures to be performed on or with the animals should be clearly explained and justified within the context of the course objectives.
   b. Justification of Animal Numbers
      The numbers of animals requested under this protocol should be clearly justified. For example, the number of students in the class and the numbers of animals required per student or group of students can be used to determine the animal numbers.
   c. Student Training
      An explanation of how the students are trained to work with animals in order to meet the requirements of the Animal Welfare Act.
   d. Student Notification
      The course syllabus should include a notification for enrolled students like the following:

         “Live animals will be used as a necessary part of the instruction in this course to increase your understanding of the concepts and practical skills. This is to be done in an appropriate manner with care and humane treatment of the animals exercised at all times. The federal policies for the use of animals in instruction and research are set forth in the Animal Welfare Act and administered locally by the WSU Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). These polices, often different from customary guidelines used on private farms or in agriculture, must be strictly followed. If you have any questions regarding live animal use, please contact your instructor. For general questions regarding the regulation of animal use, contact the IACUC office (335-7951) or the Office of the Campus Veterinarian (335-6245).”

2. Student Contact with Animals
   Unsupervised Students: Students who are not under the direct and immediate supervision of an instructor or principal investigator while they work with animals are considered unsupervised. IACUC policies require unsupervised students to have attended an Animal Awareness Seminar and to have participated or declined the Animal Contact Program prior to unsupervised work with animals. However, it is the responsibility of PIs of approved IACUC protocols for use of animals in instruction 1) provide students that have unsupervised contact with animals information about possible zoonotic risks and the need to consult their physician if signs of these conditions appear, and 2) to keep records documenting the provision of this information.