

## **Training Program for Personnel Conducting Animal Research at Wofford College**

Prior to participating in animal research at Wofford College, individuals must complete the following training program:

1. Attend an animal handling and care training workshop. The workshop covers topics including but not limited to:
  - a. Animal handling techniques
  - b. Surveillance of animal disease and illness
  - c. Types of cages and bedding
  - d. Caging densities
  - e. Provisions for feeding and watering (including on weekends and holidays)
  - f. Environmental conditions (e.g., temperature, humidity, and light cycles)
  - g. Sanitation schedules
  - h. Methods of identification and record keeping
  - i. Security procedures
  - j. Occupational health and safety program related to animal handling and care
    - i. Monitoring allergic reactions
    - ii. Prevention, reporting, and care of animal bites and scratches
    - iii. Available health resources, Wofford College Health Services
  
2. Read the “Conducting Animal Research” packet which includes:
  - a. List of government resources available including the National Agricultural Library, the 2000 Report of the AVMA Panel on Euthanasia, and the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.
  - b. Protocol for reporting questionable procedures or practices violating the terms of humane animal care.

Instruction of additional, specialized research procedures will be handled on an individual basis by the principle investigator.

## Conducting Animal Research

The National Agricultural Library can be found at:

<http://www.nalusda.gov/>

The Animal Welfare Act is available at:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ac/9CFR99.html>

The NIH Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals is available at:

<http://www.nap.edu/readingroom/books/labrats/>

The 2000 Report of the AVMA Panel on Euthanasia is available at:

<http://www.avma.org/resources/euthanasia.pdf>

Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals is available at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/references/phspol.htm>

The Wofford College Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Policies are available at:

<http://webs.wofford.edu/pittmandw/IACUC/>

The Wofford College Animal Welfare Assurance is available at:

[http://webs.wofford.edu/pittmandw/IACUC/Animal\\_Welfare\\_Assurance.pdf](http://webs.wofford.edu/pittmandw/IACUC/Animal_Welfare_Assurance.pdf)

All Wofford College IACUC protocols are on file with the chair of the IACUC and the Provost of the College.

## Questionable Procedures or Practices of Humane Animal Care

Any questionable procedures or practices that may violate the terms of humane animal care should be reported immediately to either the principle investigator, any member of the IACUC, the chair of the IACUC, Dr. Dave Pittman ([pittmandw@wofford.edu](mailto:pittmandw@wofford.edu), 597-4644, or CPO 104), or the Provost of the College 864-597-4020. Reports may be made anonymously although it is often helpful for investigators to be able to contact the informant. **All information regarding the reporting of questionable procedures or practices will be maintained on a confidential basis. Wofford College and the ACUC will NOT tolerate practices or procedures that violate the terms of humane animal care.**