

Johns Hopkins University Animal Care and Use Program

Overview

Animals that are used in research and teaching at the Johns Hopkins University are covered by our Animal Care and Use Program. The Johns Hopkins program is designed to assure that it is in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act regulations and Public Health Service (PHS) Policy. Johns Hopkins University has an approved PHS Assurance that describes the conduct of our animal care and use program. Johns Hopkins also maintains accreditation of our program by the private Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) International. Our overarching goals are to assure that laboratory animals at Johns Hopkins University receive the highest quality care and to protect the health of people who work with and around animals at Johns Hopkins. We believe that excellence in research and teaching requires excellence in our animal care and use program.

This document provides an overview of the structure and responsibilities of those who support the animal care and use program at Johns Hopkins.

The Animal Care and Use Program at Johns Hopkins is a University-wide program. It is comprised of multiple components, which cover animal housing and care, veterinary medical care, facilities management, training, occupational health, and assurance of compliance with federal and state laws and policies that govern use of animals in research and teaching. In general, the National Research Council's *Guide to the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* serves as the primary source for standards for the Johns Hopkins Animal Care and Use Program. Additional detailed information regarding policies and guidance may be found on or through links from the Animal Care and Use Committee website (www.jhu.edu/animalcare).

Administrative Structure

Institutional Official (IO). The animal care and use program is the ultimate responsibility of the President of the Johns Hopkins University, who has delegated responsibility for the program to the Vice Provost for Research. The Vice Provost for Research serves as IO, a position defined by federal law and PHS Policy. The IO coordinates policy regarding the Johns Hopkins University program with the Deans of the Schools of the University and the Director of Health Safety and Environment or their designees. The Chair of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and the Associate Provost for Animal Research and Resources each have university-wide responsibilities in the program and report directly to the IO.

Research Animal Resources (RAR). The Associate Provost for Animal Research and Resources heads the division of Research Animal Resources for the university. The Associate Provost is responsible for arranging and directing the program of animal husbandry and the program of veterinary medical care for all animals at the university. The Associate Provost reports directly to the IO.

The Director of Laboratory Animal Management oversees the program of husbandry in central facilities and in satellite facilities. Routine animal care is provided by either RAR or by investigator staff or trainees. In either case, RAR will assure that those providing animal care are appropriately trained and knowledgeable such that animals in each facility will receive care of the highest quality. The Director consults with the IACUC regarding suitability of proposed

