

## **IACUC Training Policy**

All individuals using live vertebrates in University activities must be trained on the laws, regulations and policies governing the use of animals. The UAF Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) has set the following minimum requirements:

**General Training Requirement:** Everyone, with the possible exception of students enrolled in a UAF course or workshop (see below), who will be working directly with live vertebrates and those who supervise staff or students conducting activities with live vertebrates must complete the UAF Principles of Humane Animal Care and Use course. The course material is available on the IACUC website. UAF faculty, staff, and students must complete the quizzes for Modules 1, 2 and 3 in Blackboard. Non-UAF personnel on the project will be provided with pdf or word documents of the quizzes.

**Course Students and Workshop Participants:** Students enrolled in a UAF course or workshop who will be supervised by either a trained instructor or teaching assistant at all times while working with live vertebrates must be provided with a brief introduction to animal welfare issues. At minimum, this training must include an overview of the applicable state and federal regulations governing the use of animals as well as UAF policies and procedures for oversight and approval of the use of live vertebrate animals; students conducting work in the field must also be introduced the appropriate professional society's field research guidelines. Training may be delivered by the course instructor, teaching assistant, Office of Research Integrity staff member, IACUC member, or other individual familiar with the requirements. Material may be presented as a lecture, through reading and discussion of the material provided on the ORI's Responsible Conduct in Research training program's Animal Use webpage, or through the discussion of case studies. Instructors are encouraged, but not required, to include questions related to this information in a course exam or quiz to emphasize the importance of the material. *Note: The IACUC may determine, on a case-by-case basis, that additional training requirements are warranted given the activities to be performed by the students; any such requirement will be specifically identified in the Modifications Required letter issued by the IACUC to the course instructor.*

**Facility Access:** In addition to the training requirements specified above, all individuals who will be working in a UAF animal facility in Fairbanks must attend an in-person Animal Facility Orientation before they can be allowed to independently access or work alone in an animal facility. Individuals who will be escorted by a trained individual at all times while in the animal facility are not required to attend this orientation. Animal Facility Orientations for individuals working at UAF animal facilities outside the Fairbanks area will be conducted by an on-site person authorized by the ORI or by an ORI staff member via teleconference.