

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Animal Care and Use Committee

Reporting Concerns Regarding Animal Treatment

All animals used at Northwestern University (NU) must be handled, housed, treated, cared for, and transported in a humane and ethical manner in accordance with all regulations and university policies. Any person having reason to question the treatment of animals at NU is encouraged to report incidents involving perceived non-compliance without fear of retaliation.

1. Any person having reason to question the humane or ethical treatment of animals at the university should contact the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) at **847.467.ACUC**. No threat or reprisal will be made against anyone reporting perceived mistreatment or non-compliance.
2. All Complaints and documentation will be brought to the attention of the Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC).
3. If warranted, the concern will be discussed by the ACUC and appropriate measures will be taken. At the discretion of the ACUC, violations and recommendations for subsequent action will be forwarded to the Vice President for Research and, if warranted, to the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW).