

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE

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Objective:	<p>Olds College's Animal Care and Use policy is comprised of three directives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. animals may be used to meet learning and research outcomes only when replacement alternatives are not suitable or available; b. all animal use on campus is subject to the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC); c. when animal use is required to meet learning and research outcomes, Olds College is committed to their responsible use and care.
Policy:	<p>This policy directs all animal use on campus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy and its associated procedures are guided by the Terms of Reference for Animal Care Committees from the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC). • The Canadian Council on Animal Care requires that institutions conducting animal based research, teaching or testing establish an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), and that it be functional, active and is the only authority on campus to make animal use approvals. • IACUC is responsible directly to the Vice President Research for animal care and use for the institution. • The institution and all Olds College staff and contractors who work with animals must work with the IACUC to ensure that all animal users and caregivers are informed of and comply with institutional animal care and use policies and procedures. • The institution must support the work of the committee and appoint an IACUC coordinator to ensure that animal use protocols are well managed and committee functions are performed.
Definitions:	<p>Animal: For this policy, an animal includes, but is not limited to, production animals (cattle, sheep, swine) along with companion animals (horses, dogs, cats, birds, and various exotic animals).</p> <p>Canadian Council Council on Animal Care (CCAC): National peer-review organization responsible for setting, maintaining, and overseeing the</p>

	implementation of high standards for animal ethics and care in science throughout Canada.
Related Information:	CCAC Terms of Reference for Animal Care Committees
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