1) Procedure for Reporting Misuse, Mistreatment, or Non-Compliance of the Care and Use of Animals in Research, Teaching and Testing

A. The University is committed to the ethical and compliant care and use of animals in research, teaching, and testing. If anyone is aware of potential violations to existing animal care and use regulations or observes misuse or mistreatment of animals, they are strongly encouraged to report their concerns. Members of the university community are encouraged to report their concerns through normal lines of communication. They and individuals from the public at large may report their concerns anonymously to the Chair of the IACUC (607-255-5398) or through the Cornell University Hotline at www.ethicspoint.com or toll free at 1-866-293-3077. This is in accordance with the Cornell University Policy 1.4 and the Animal Welfare Act Regulations (9CFR, Chapter 1, Subchapter A, §2.32, c, 4).

B. The university will not tolerate retaliation toward or harassment of employees or students who report actual or possible violations and will undertake diligent efforts to protect the positions and reputations of those persons who, in good faith, make allegations of animal welfare violations. Investigations will be conducted carefully and discreetly, with all reasonable precautions, consistent with the need for a complete and comprehensive review of the case, to maintain confidentiality to the extent permissible under federal and state laws, and to protect the rights and legitimate interests of both the person making the disclosure of violation and the subject(s) of the investigation.

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