

Boston University Institutional Animal Care and Use (IACUC) Obligation to Report and “Whistleblower” Protection

Boston University (BU) is committed to observing Federal policies and regulations and the Association of Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) International standards for the humane care and use of animals.

Obligation to Report: All persons involved with the use of animals in research, teaching, training, breeding, and related activities, must know how to report potential violations to animal care and use regulations or concerns with animal care and treatment. Animal welfare concerns may be reported in writing, by telephone, or in person. All of the information obtained from individual reporting, as well as the information obtained during the investigation, will be maintained confidential to the extent possible. Concerns for both campuses may be submitted through any of the mechanisms listed below:

<u>REPORTING CONTACT INFORMATION:</u>	
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)	iacuc@bu.edu
Assistant Director, Research Compliance, Animal Welfare Program	617-358-7884
IACUC Chair	617-358-8257
Attending Veterinarian & Director of Animal Science Center Facilities	617-358-8375
Executive Director, Research Compliance	617-358-7891
Associate Vice President, Research Compliance	617-358-4730

Boston University has established a hotline to provide a way to anonymously and confidentially report activities that may involve animal care and use concerns or violations. EthicsPoint provides this service for the University community. To make an online report through EthicsPoint, go to www.ethicspoint.com and enter “Boston University” under “File a New Report,” then click the “Submit” button.

To submit a report by telephone through the EthicsPoint call center, dial 1-866-294-8451 (toll free). To submit a report in writing, use the following address: Boston University, c/o EthicsPoint, PO Box 230369, Portland, OR 97223.

“Whistleblower” Protection: There are no restrictions on who may report a concern or violation. Boston University does not tolerate retaliation toward, or harassment of, employees or students who report actual or potential violations. Investigations will be conducted discreetly, with all reasonable precautions, consistent with the need for a complete and comprehensive review of the report. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent permissible under federal and state laws and reasonable efforts will be taken to protect the positions, reputations, rights and legitimate interests of both the person reporting the alleged violation and the subject(s) of the investigation.

The Review of Reported Animal Care and Use Concerns policy can be found on the IACUC website.