

**TORONTO METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY
POLICY OF SENATE**

ETHICS REVIEW OF RESEARCH INVOLVING ANIMALS

Senate Policy Number: 52

Related Documents: N/A

Responsible Office: Vice President, Research and Innovation

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the use of Animals in the course of research and teaching undertaken by members of the Toronto Metropolitan community is undertaken in a responsible manner that adheres to the requirements of the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) and its guidelines for the humane treatment of experimental Animals.

2. Application and Scope

undertaken by members of the University is important for all stakeholders, including students, faculty and external stakeholders.

The use of Animals in research, teaching, and testing is acceptable only if it promises to contribute to understanding of fundamental biological principles, or to the development of knowledge that can reasonably be expected to benefit humans or Animals.

Every effort must be made to find a substitute for the use of Animals in research. Where this is not possible, the Animals must be housed, fed, and treated as humanely as possible according to CCAC Guidelines.

5. Policy

All research and teaching involving Animals conducted under the auspice of the University must comply with the CCAC guidelines, procedures and standards.

No research or teaching using Animals shall be conducted by any member of the University unless the activity has been approved in advance through Toronto Metropolitan's ACC. This includes projects carried out in the field or in a facility not owned by Toronto Metropolitan, or in collaboration with an outside institution(s) or co-researcher(s).

In conducting research ethics reviews, the ACC must operate in an impartial manner, without interference. The decisions of the ACC with respect to any given research project are not subject to review by the Senate, the Vice President Research and Innovation or any other person except to the extent that such decisions may be appealed pursuant to this policy.

A researcher may request reconsideration of a decision made by the ACC. The ACC will reconsider its decision upon receipt of a written request, and the researcher may submit additional information and/or attend the ACC meeting in person to present information.

The ACC has the authority to immediately order the stoppage of any use of Animals which deviates from the approved protocol or is deemed to be in non-compliance with

undertaken in accordance with the approved protocol, the CCAC Guidelines, University policies and procedures, as well as legislative requirements.

Where teaching requires the use of Animals (i.e. in class projects, demonstrations or presentations) the instructor is responsible for making the application to the ACC and shall have the primary responsibility for ensuring that the students are aware of CCAC guidelines concerning the care and use of Animals, and that the academic activity is undertaken in accordance with the approved protocol, the CCAC Guidelines, University policies and procedures, as well as legislative requirements.