

IACUC

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

The IACUC will ensure that animals are used and cared for in a responsible and ethical manner and in a manner conforming to all laws and regulations.

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What?

**Committee to
oversee animal
care in research
and teaching**

1. U.S. Federal requirement
1966 -Public Law 89-544
2. Committee established by
institutions (Research, Universities)
3. Oversee animals used in
research or instruction
4. Evaluate all aspects of the
animal care and use

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What?

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2. Help make decisions about humane use of animals.
3. Therefore: every project must be approved by IACUC *prior* to initiation.
5. IACUC does not evaluate the science directly.

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What animals?

**Vertebrate animals
only**

Personal thought:
-sentient beings

Vertebrates:

Mammals

Birds

Fish

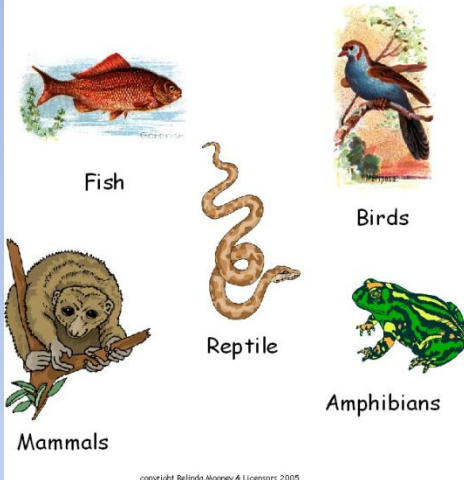
Snakes

Lizards

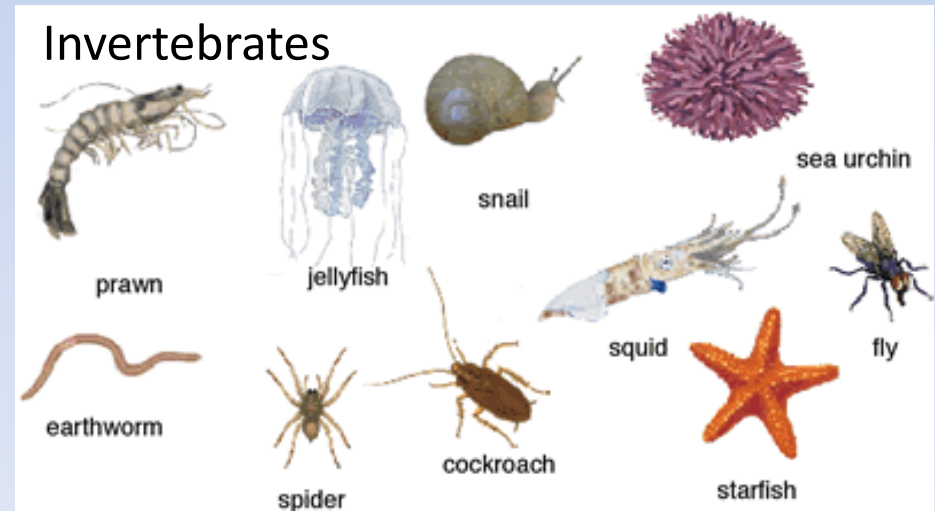
Amphibians

Vertebrates

Animals with backbones



Not vertebrates:



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Chair: Charles Mesloh

-College of Professional Studies, non-scientist

Walter Fohs - **Non-scientist** (Clergy)

Dave Nichols - **Veterinarian**

Scientists: -College of Arts and Sciences 2009-10

Darren Rumbold

John Fitch

Anna Goebel

Thomas J. Roberts, Non-voting, Associate
Vice President for Research (Head of Research &
Sponsored Programs)

Who?

Students can serve as members

This year we have no student members

Members are appointed by the president of FGCU

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When?

The next meeting is
scheduled for:

19 February,
2:20-4:30 PM

**It is open to the
public, you may
attend.**

Meet at least 2 times per
year, or as often as
needed to review
proposals.

Ask for an expedited review

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Why should you comply?

The use of animals for research, teaching, or exhibition is a privilege, not a right.

Florida Gulf Coast University maintains an Animal Welfare Assurance Statement which declares its compliance with the various regulations and policies.

Failure by any individual to adhere to these standards can jeopardize FGCU's entire animal use program. This is bad.

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Resources

Lets look at the form.

1. FGCU:

<http://www.fgcu.edu/orsp/compliance.html>

2. University of Florida:

<http://iacuc.ufl.edu/>

3. IACUC.org – Information resource

<http://www.iacuc.org/index.htm>

- Alternatives to animals,
- other documents such as USDA (US Department of Agriculture, Animal Welfare
- IACUC web pages for other institutions

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Most common Problems.

Other required permits:

- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Federal Parks and Lands
- State Parks and Lands

- 1. Missing other required permits.**
- 2. Missing an estimate of the number of animals that will be handled.**
- 3. Missing a clear statement of exactly how and how often the animals will be handled.**