

North Shore Community College

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is a federally mandated committee, qualified through the experience and expertise of its members, which seeks to oversee the institution's animal program, facilities, and procedures. There is an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) at North Shore Community College. This Committee is guided by the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). It is responsible for ensuring that all animals used at this institution are for educational purposes, and that all animals will be handled, housed, treated, cared for, and transported in a humane and ethical manner in accordance with all federal, state, and local regulations, as well as institutional policies. An animal may not be used for teaching, testing, or research unless its use is approved in writing by IACUC.

Recourse for Concerned Students, Staff, Faculty and Community Members

AWA regulations state that any institutional personnel with reason to question the treatment of animals may report incidents involving perceived non-compliance or concerns regarding animal welfare to the IACUC **without fear of discrimination or reprisal**. Reporting may be done in one of the following ways:

1. Immediately notify the Instructor supervising the class. The Instructor will fill out an incident report and submit it to the Program Director within 24 hours.
2. If the concern is with the Instructor, then notify the Program Director directly.
3. You may also contact any member of the NSCC IACUC to report any of your animal welfare concerns.
4. A person may anonymously inform the CEO/ Institutional Official by providing written documentation with sufficient detail that will allow for an adequate investigation. [Incident forms are available on-line on the NSCC website]
5. Any concerns or questions will be handled **confidentially**. All complaints and documentation will be brought to the attention of the IACUC for review. If necessary, an investigative team will assess the documented concern(s).

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