North Shore Community College
Institution for Animal Care
and Use Committee

There is an Institution Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) at North Shore Community College. IACUC, guided by the Animal Welfare Act (AWA), is responsible for ensuring that all animals used at this institution, for educational purposes, always 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 Form and submit it to the Program Director within 24 hours.
2. If the concern is with the instructor, then notify the Program Director.
3. You may also contact any member of the IACUC at NSCC to report any of your animal welfare concerns.
4. A person may anonymously inform the Chair Person of IACUC by providing written documentation with sufficient detail (Incident Form) that will allow for an adequate investigation, if warranted. The Incident Form may be mailed to:

Maryanne Atkinson  
Dean of Health Professions  
1 Ferncroft Road  
P.O. Box 3340, DH-201  
Danvers, MA 01923-0840

Incident Forms are available on-line through the IACUC Incident Form link located on the Animal Care and Veterinary Technology pages.

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).

*Adopted from the American Veterinary Medical Association's and Cornell University's IACUC guidelines.*