

American Diabetes Association Policy Statement

Name of Policy: **Responsible Use of Animals in Research**

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As Position Statement

The use of animals in research and testing is critical for advancements in human health and welfare through increased understanding of fundamental biological functions that lead to improved disease prevention and cures, and the development of new treatments and devices. The American Diabetes Association believes that the responsible use of animals is essential to advance the prevention, treatment and ultimate cure of diabetes.

ASSURANCE OF RESPONSIBLE USE OF ANIMALS – The Association requires assurances of the responsible use of animals for all Association-funded research by requiring the following:

- 1) The Association Grant Review Committee reviews and provides feedback to applicants regarding the necessity for and appropriate use of animals in their proposals.
- 2) Association grantee institutions must meet standards of the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS), or equivalent, as outlined in the Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, referenced at the following link. <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/references/phspol.htm>
- 3) Grant applications submitted to the Association proposing the use of animals must be submitted to an institutional animal care and use committee (IACUC). The IACUC is ultimately responsible for assuring that the proposed research is necessary, meets ethical considerations, and can be conducted effectively.
- 4) To certify that the animal facilities, including staffing, meet appropriate standards, verifiable assurances of IACUC approval must be submitted to the Association in writing before final approval of Grant funding, and annually throughout the grant period for approval of continuing funding.
- 5) The principal investigator has the ultimate responsibility for the conduct of animal research, including the appropriate care and management of animals throughout the course of the experiments.
- 6) American Diabetes Association journals adhere to the policies of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) on animal research. When reporting experiments on animals, authors should indicate that the institutional and national guide for the care and use of laboratory animals was followed.