4-6306 Use of Animal Subjects in Research

(1) To ensure the ethical use of animal subjects in research, NCF subcontracts the University of South Florida Tampa for Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval of research on vertebrates.

(2) The University of South Florida system (“USF System”) affirms that respect for all forms of life is an inherent characteristic of scientists who conduct research involving animals; that the respectful treatment, care, and use of animals involved in research is an ethical and scientific necessity; and that the use of animals in research and teaching contributes to the advancement of knowledge and understanding.

(3) Accordingly, the USF system has established and provides resources for an Animal Care and Use Program that is managed in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act, Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Subchapter A, “Animal Welfare,” Parts 1-3, and the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

(4) All research and teaching activities involving vertebrate animals must be conducted in accordance with the USF system Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) policies, available in the policies section of the Office of Research & Innovation website.

(5) The Director of Research Practices and Services manages this relationship with USF.

Authority: Article IX, Sec. 7, Fla. Constitution; Fla. Board of Governors Regulation 1.001

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