
Valdosta State University Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee

Standard Operating Procedure Number 006

PROVISION OF VETERINARY CARE

PURPOSE : The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to set forth the standards for adequate veterinary care for animals housed in institutional facilities and/or used in research, testing, and instruction by the Institution's animal users .

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ATTENDING VETERINARIAN : The Attending Veterinarian oversees animal husbandry and

- procedures and policies that improve laboratory animal health and
in ~~Participate in continuing education programs as necessary to~~
animal science;
4. Be fully knowledgeable about the current and proposed use of a
research, testing, and instructional programs; and
 5. Have the ability to render professional judgments that are neither
controlled by institutional interests to the detriment of the labora

PROVISION OF ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE: The provision of
care involves the following primary areas of responsibility that shall be
for the species and procedures involved:

- A. Animal well-being
 1. Monitoring

3. Recommending methods to improve and enrich an animal's environment to minimize the development of physical or behavioral abnormalities
4. Ensuring appropriate opportunities for human -animal socialization and acclimatization to the research environment or procedures
5. Assistance with the design of experiments in such areas as model selection, collection and analysis of samples and data from animals, and methods and techniques proposed or in use
6. Participation in the development and implementation of training programs for institutional staff in the care and use of laboratory animals