

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

The committee is known as the Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). The primary responsibility of IACUC is to ensure, on behalf of Universiti Putra Malaysia, that all care and use of animals for scientific purposes is humane and ethical, (and in compliance with the Guide)

The IACUC shall ensure that the use of animals is justified and incorporates the principles of Replacement, Reduction and Refinement. The IACUC shall have provisions to:

- i. examine and comment on all Universiti Putra Malaysia's plans and policies that may affect the welfare of animals used for scientific purposes;
- ii. recommend to the institution any measures needed to ensure compliance to the Guide;
- iii. describe how members are appointed, re-appointed, or retired, according to procedures developed by the University in consultation with the IACUC;
- iv. requires that all members declare any conflict of interest;
- v. deal with situations in which a conflict of interest arises;
- vi. examine and approve, approve subject to modification, or reject written proposals relevant to the use of animals for scientific purposes;
- vii. approve only projects in which the use of animals are deemed essential and justified and which conform to the Guide. This should take into consideration factors including ethics, the impact on the animal or animals and the anticipated scientific or educational value;
- viii. withdraw approval for any project;
- ix. authorise the emergency treatment or euthanasia of any animal;
- x. maintain a record of proposals and projects;
- xi. approve guidelines for the care of animals that are bred, held and used for scientific purposes on behalf of the University; and
- xii. inspect, at least once a year, all of the University's Animal Housing Facilities (including satellite facilities).