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I. INTRODUCTION (Purpose and Intent)

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.

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.

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 web site: www.research.usf.edu/cm/CMDIC/IACUCPolicies.pdf

II. INSTITUTIONAL OFFICIAL

The Vice President for Research & Innovation is the administrative official responsible for the Animal Care and Use Program. The Vice President for Research & Innovation has appointed an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) that is responsible for the oversight and evaluation of the animal care and use program, procedures, and facilities.

III. INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

All vertebrate animal use, including field studies, conducted by USF System faculty, students, or staff, must be reviewed and approved by IACUC pursuant to IACUC policies.

The IACUC has authority to review, approve, require modification, or withhold approval of proposed research or teaching using vertebrate animals; to review the facilities and program for animal care and use, including laboratories outside of animal facilities where procedures are performed; to review and, if warranted, investigate concerns involving the care and use of vertebrate animals; to prepare written reports of its evaluations; to make recommendations to the Vice President for Research & Innovation concerning any aspect of the animal care and use program; and to suspend any activity involving vertebrate animals that does not conform to IACUC policies or state or federal regulations.

IV. DIVISION OF COMPARATIVE MEDICINE

The Division of Comparative Medicine in the Office of Research & Innovation serves as an advocate for all animals housed at USF System facilities, implements and administers the Animal Care and Use Program, and provides various services and functions as described in the IACUC policies.

V. DIVISION OF RESEARCH COMPLIANCE

The Division of Research Integrity & Compliance in the Office of Research & Innovation provides the IACUC with administrative support services and assists the IACUC with its functions of oversight and evaluation of the animal care and use program.

Authorized and signed by:

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