Do you suspect an animal welfare issue or a compliance violation?

The Public Health Service (PHS) policy indicates that any perceived instance of animal abuse or misuse can be anonymously reported to appropriate authorities without risk of retribution. Rapid reporting is crucial and all reports will be addressed immediately to minimize animal distress or pain. Any concern or complaint filed will be thoroughly investigated by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and appropriate steps will be taken to ensure compliance. This reporting right and expectation of investigation extends to concerns or complaints reported to any appropriate official at WVU or with the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), PHS Division of Compliance Oversight.

Reports may be filed with the WVU Office of Animal Welfare (OAW) or by contacting any of the individuals listed below. Contact through WVU Campus Mail is encouraged to maintain anonymity (send to OAW at P.O. Box 6845).

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A non-compliance or failure to follow any legal or ethical rules, policies and procedures applicable to the care and use of animals in research and teaching can be reported online via EthicsPoint at:


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