

**Northern Kentucky University  
Institutional Animal Care and Use Policy**

**Suspension of Animal Research Activities**

Northern Kentucky University (NKU) is committed to ensuring that animal research is conducted in a humane, ethical manner, with the highest level of care according to applied Federal, State, and local regulations. The IACUC may suspend a previously approved activity if it deems the activity is not being conducted in the manner in which it was described in the protocol submitted for review. The IACUC may also petition for a suspension of animal research activity that was not approved by IACUC if the activity is not being conducted in accordance to federal regulations and NKU policy.

Steps for a suspension

- The Chair or the Veterinarian may temporarily suspend activity if it involves animal health, safety and/or welfare. This may be based on an official report or other situations.
- The IACUC committee may temporarily suspend activity if deemed non-compliant with the approved protocol.
- The IACUC may petition the Institutional Official to temporarily suspend an activity deemed non-compliant with federal guidelines.
- The Principal Investigator (PI) will be notified immediately of any suspensions of the study.
- An IACUC meeting will be called to discuss concerns related to activity. All pertinent information will be discussed and voting to permanently suspend may only occur with quorum.
- The IACUC will notify the PI of its decision to permanently suspend or reinstate the activity. The IACUC may request changes to the study prior to reinstatement.
- The PI will be given an opportunity to respond to the IACUC regarding its decision, in writing or in person.
- All decisions will be in writing and maintained in IACUC files in the Research, Grants and Contracts office.
- All regulating agencies and organizations will be notified in the event of a study suspension.