

Policy Statement for Animal Usage for Research and Teaching Purposes at SUNY New Paltz

SUNY New Paltz and its faculty may receive funding through grants, contracts, and sub-awards for the purpose of carrying out research and/or instruction using institutionally approved animals and conditions.

Only animals as listed within the animal usage policy statement of SUNY New Paltz may be used for research and instructional purposes.

Animals Permitted for Research and Teaching:

Given the present limitations of institutional resources to support the usage of animals within faculty and/or student research activities, the following Animal Use Policy is to be followed under the guidance of the Animal Use Compliance Committee:

- a) **Invertebrates and other cold-blooded animals** may be utilized for appropriate faculty and/or student research and teaching purposes. These organisms may be maintained and used within present facilities.
- b) **Fish** may be utilized (e.g. observing, sampling, collecting), and if required for the completion of the research project, maintained in suitable holding facilities, and handled and processed according to the guidelines established by the American Fisheries Society and American Institutes of Fisheries.
- c) **All mammals and birds** may be studied observationally within their natural habitat.
- d) **No live warm-blooded animals** may be employed for research and/or teaching purposes that require laboratory holding facilities and/or veterinarian care.