

Dalhousie University Guideline on Pain and Suffering in Animal Research

The Dalhousie University ethics committees overseeing animal research (UCLA/ACUC or its designates who shall be licensed veterinarian/s appointed by the Vice President Research Dalhousie University, (hereinafter, the Veterinarian)) has the authority to ensure the proper care and use of animals at Dalhousie facilities which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Order that any objectionable procedure cease and desist if, in their opinion, the procedure causes any unnecessary distress or pain to an animal;
- Order the immediate halt to any use of animals which i) deviates from the approved use, ii) utilizes any non-approved procedure, or iii) involves any procedure that causes unforeseen pain or distress to any animal;
- Authorize that an animal be killed in a humane manner if, in their opinion, pain or distress is caused to the animal which is not part of the approved protocol and cannot be alleviated

This authority and policy are congruent with the national standards of the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) which is the oversight agency responsible for ensuring institutional compliance with national standards of research animal care under its policies. Relevant policy documents may be accessed at this site: <https://ccac.ca/en/standards/guidelines/general-guidelines.html> .