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A. POLICY

Columbia College (the "College") is committed to the ethical and responsible conduct of research and recognizes the importance of protecting animal welfare. This policy outlines that College faculty, staff, and students do not use live animals in research activities.

PURPOSE/COMMITMENT

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Ensure the humane and ethical treatment of animals involved in research activities conducted by the College.
- Comply with all applicable federal, provincial, and local laws and regulations regarding the use of animals in research.
- Promote the use of non-animal alternatives whenever possible.
- Maintain transparency and accountability in the College's animal research activities.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all research activities involving animals conducted by College faculty, staff, and students, regardless of funding source or location on or off campus.

DEFINITIONS

- **Animals:** For the purposes of this policy, "animals" refers to any live species.
- **Research:** Any systematic investigation designed to develop or contribute to knowledge.
- **Animal Use:** Encompasses any procedure that involves animals in research, including but not limited to, observation, handling, breeding, and experimentation.

B. PROCEDURES

Restrictions on Animal Research

No research undertaken at the College can involve live animals. This includes, but is not limited to, the following activities:

- Experimentation on live animals
- Behavioral studies involving live animals
- Observation of live animals in a laboratory setting
- Breeding and raising animals for research purposes

Furthermore, no research undertaken at the College can involve research that requires the oversight of the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC).

Reporting and Compliance

Any questions or concerns regarding this policy should be directed to the VPO and VPA. Allegations of non-compliance with this policy will be investigated and addressed in accordance with the College's policies and procedures.

LINKS TO SUPPORTING FORMS, DOCUMENTS, WEBSITE:

Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) website: <https://www.ccac.ca/en>

C. APPROVALS:**IF APPLICABLE:**

Chair, Academic Board	Date:
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APPROVAL FOR ALL POLICIES:

Responsible Owner:	Date:
Principal or Designate:	Date:
Chair, Board of Governors:	Date:

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