

Source of animals (if wild, list current collecting permit number):

Location where animals will be housed: _____

Location where animals will be used:

7. Plan for disposition of sick animals (check all that apply):

Euthanize (state method) _____

Clinical Treatment

Other procedures (specify) _____

8. Plan for disposition of dead animals (check all that apply):

Save, Freeze Save, Refrigerate Necropsy

Other, (Specify) _____

9. Is there a potential for pain, distress or discomfort to the animals?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, use the appropriate number (see below) to indicate the maximum level of pain/discomfort/distress to be experienced by the animals.

Pain Level: _____

1 = Negligible, 2 = Pain avoided by appropriate drug use, 3 = Short-term discomfort/distress/pain, 4 = Long-term discomfort/distress/pain. (An explanation must be attached to the protocol for a pain level of 4.

10. Federal law requires a written statement of A. and B. below to be included in protocols for any use of applicable species. Presently excluded from this requirement are rats and mice of the genus Rattus and Mus, birds, and animals used in accepted agricultural practices.

A. "The principal investigator/Instructor has considered alternatives to procedures that may cause more than momentary or slight pain or distress to the animal, and has provided a written narrative description of the methods and sources used to determine that alternatives were not available".

B. "The principal investigator/instructor has provided written assurance that these activities do not unnecessarily duplicate previous experiments.

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ASSURANCES

The University has adopted on an institution-wide basis the principles regarding animal care as stated in the Animal Welfare Act (www.nal.usda.gov/awic/legislat/awa.htm) and the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (www.nap.edu/readingroom/books/labrats/) and is guided by the U.S. Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Testing, Research, and Training (<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/olaw/references/phspol.htm>). All university employees and students are responsible for adherence to this policy. All animals owned and cared for by the university are covered by this policy.

I agree to comply with all Federal, State, and University animal welfare laws and policies during this project. I am aware that the new animal use protocol form must be submitted to RSSP and the IACUC if the protocol described above is altered after it is begun. The information provided is accurate, complete and true to the best of my knowledge.

Name (Print): _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____
Investigator/Instructor

Date: _____