STATE OF HAWAI'I UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MANOA

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND DEAN OF THE GRADUATE DIVISION LABORATORY ANIMAL SERVICE

FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT

RESPONSIBILITY AND MISSION OF THE LABORATORY ANIMAL SERVICE (LAS)

The Laboratory Animal Service is charged with providing housing, husbandry, and health care for all vertebrate animals used by the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. It provides this service in accordance with all State and Federal laws.

Objectives

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- 1) To provide appropriate and well cared for animals for those research and training programs for which they are needed.
- 2) To conform with all State and Federal rules, laws, and recommendations in use of animals in research and training.
- 3) To provide areas conducive and stimulating to biomedical research and education.
- 4) To plan for changes in facilities that may be needed as research goals expand, contract, or deviate in direction and to keep its facilities in compliance with current regulations governing the care and husbandry of laboratory animals.
- 5) To provide guidance, help and support for investigators utilizing laboratory animals.
- 6) To provide training for principal investigators, research technicians and students in proper laboratory techniques, normal physiology, certain peculiarities of animal species and manipulation of animals.
- 7) To provide training in the area of public health policy and the Animal Welfare Act and other State and Federal regulations governing the use of animals in research and teaching.

The University of Hawai'i at Manoa is committed to housing, caring, and using animals appropriately. Accepting that animals must be used for the betterment of mankind, the LAS is charged with the responsibility for safekeeping the animals in our charge.