

STATE OF HAWAII
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LABORATORY ANIMAL SERVICE

FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT

RESPONSIBILITY AND MISSION OF LABORATORY ANIMAL SERVICE (LAS)

Laboratory Animal Service is charged with administering the Program of Humane Care and Use of all vertebrate animals used for research, training and other activities by the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and other University programs. In addition, LAS operates the animal facilities involved in biomedical research and training on the UH Manoa campus and JABSOM at Kaka'ako. LAS provides these services in accordance with all Federal, State and local laws and guidelines.

Objectives

- 1) To provide appropriate and well cared for animals for those research and training programs for which they are needed.
- 2) To conform to all Federal, State, and local laws, and guidelines in use of animals in research and training.
- 3) To provide areas conducive and stimulating to biomedical research and training.
- 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 use 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 Federal, State, and local regulations governing the use of animals in research and teaching.