



**Florida State University
Animal Care and Use Committee**

Policy on Filming and Photography in Laboratory Animal Resources Maintained Facilities

Florida State University (FSU) advocates and maintains an exemplary Animal Care and Use Program and is committed to assuring the well-being of Program personnel and animals. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that FSU personnel and visitors do not capture and/or release photographs, video, or other images related to the use of animals that could be used to endanger the FSU Animal Care Program or university personnel involved in animal use.

The use of recording devices (including, but not limited to, film cameras, digital cameras, camera phones, digital recorders, and sound recorders) within Laboratory Animal Resources (LAR) facilities, except where approved by the FSU Animal Care and Use Committee, is strictly prohibited without the written consent of the LAR Director.

Use of recording devices in LAR facilities will only be approved in the limited circumstances delineated below when performed by:

1. Government inspectors (e.g. USDA Veterinary Medical Officers)
2. An authorized PI or designee when required for scientific reasons (e.g. publications, laboratory documentation)
3. An authorized PI or designee for the purpose of recording instructional activities covered by an ACUC-approved Animal Use Protocol
4. Personnel authorized by LAR veterinarians when required to assist in clinical diagnosis
5. Authorized personnel when required to document facility conditions or animal use compliance at the direction of University officials, the FSU ACUC, LAR veterinarians, or representatives of Federal agencies

The policy outlined above is not applicable to filming, photography, and recording described in Animal Use Protocols reviewed and approved by the FSU Animal Care and Use Committee.

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