

Guideline on the use of animals in academic activities at <i>Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile</i>	
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INDICATION	All members of the UC community who consider the use of animals, be it on research or investigation activities, teaching or community outreach, inside or outside of the institutional facilities.
REVISIONS	This document will be regularly reviewed and new versions will be developed if necessary.

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile has an absolute doctrinal commitment with the ethical use of animals. The creation of the Animal Care Program and its respective regulation <http://bit.ly/40bhoEz>, the strengthening of the Scientific Ethics Committee for the Care of Animals and the Environment (CEC-CAA) <http://bit.ly/3JO4OWk> and the *Declaración Institucional sobre investigación con animales* (Institutional statement on the use of research animals) <http://bit.ly/3JLLdWX> are specific and concrete actions along these lines.

In order to comply both with the Institutional regulations and national laws (Act 20.380 on the Protection of Animals), the CEC-CAA has established the following rules, and compliance with these is mandatory for all members of the university community:

1. All research, teaching¹ and outreach activities that consider the use of animals must a Responsible Academic in charge. This academic must be an assistant teacher or higher, of ordinary category or special plant from *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile*, and who is responsible for the supervision, management and development of the academic activities with animals.
2. The concept of animal use includes the acquisition, transport, production, maintenance and all activities carried out as a result of experimental procedures, educational demonstrations, outreach activities or of any other nature that involve live animals, or which are subjected to euthanasia for some of these purposes, in any of the premises of *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile*.
3. In this guideline, all species of live vertebrates and cephalopods are included. In the case of animals in prenatal stage, it includes all those which have exceeded the third stage of gestational age or its incubational period.

¹ It considers only those which include the manipulation of animals by teachers and/or students.



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4. Before the beginning of any activity with animals, the Responsible Academic must get explicit authorization from the CEC CAA in order to proceed with such activity. This authorization is endorsed in the Institutional approval act, whose processing is the duty of the Responsible Academic and it begins with sending the evaluation of a Protocol to the Care and Use of Animals <https://bit.ly/3JKftRP>

