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The University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Attending Veterinarian (AV) is responsible for the health and well-being of all animals used by the institution. To fulfill this mission, the AV oversees the UAF Animal Resources Center (ARC) and has the direct authority to ensure the adequacy of animal care and use by UAF, irrespective of unit or departmental management, purpose, or funding. The AV reports directly to the designated Institutional Official (IO) and is a voting member of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

Adequate veterinary care is an essential component of an animal care and use program and is required by the Animal Welfare Regulations (AWRs) and Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. The importance of adequate veterinary care is also emphasized in animal research guidelines and policies promulgated by scientific organizations.

It is the responsibility of UAF to support a comprehensive animal care and use program that ensures the health and well-being of all animals used by the institution. Clear provisions have been made at UAF to give the AV appropriate authority to execute a program of adequate veterinary care, including access to all animals.

UAF follows the requirements set forth under 9 CFR 2.33 in the Animal Welfare Regulations as well as the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) position on adequate veterinary care.

For the purpose of this policy, animal refers to any live vertebrate.

The ARC directly administers several UAF animal research facilities and houses UAFs Veterinary Services.

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