

 <b>Policies and Procedures</b>		<b>8701</b>		<b>Care and Use of Animals in Research and Teaching</b>		
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Linkage to Board Policies		EL 100	Applied Research			

### A. PURPOSE

Selkirk College regards the use of animals in research and teaching as a privilege and not a right. All individuals involved in the use of animals for research and teaching must care for animals in compliance with the Selkirk College Animal Care Committee protocols, the most current policies and Guidelines published by the Canadian Council for Animal Care (CCAC) and in accordance with Sections 444-447 of the Criminal Code of Canada and Section 24 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

The body authorized to oversee the administrative aspects of research involving animals shall be the Selkirk College Animal Care Committee (ACC), which is supported by Thompson Rivers University (TRU). It shall be the responsibility of the ACC to establish and oversee appropriate procedures to ensure ethical conduct of research involving animals and in compliance with CCAC standards.

### B. SCOPE / LIMITS

This policy applies to all programs and applied research and innovation.

### C. PROCEDURE

#### 1. Animal Care Committee of Selkirk College

- a) Selkirk College with support provided by TRU establishes the ACC to ensure Selkirk College upholds the highest standard in the care of animals used for research and teaching. The ACC is established in compliance with the CCAC policy statement which requires that institutions conducting animal-based research and teaching establish an animal care committee, in this case provided by TRU with Selkirk College membership, and that is functionally active.
- b) The ACC's operations and oversight are governed by its terms of reference and MOU with TRU.
- c) For Selkirk College related animal care matters, the ACC reports directly to the Vice President Education (VPE), who is the senior administrator of Selkirk College responsible for ensuring that all animal care and use is conducted appropriately, according to institutional and CCAC policies and guidelines. The VPE shall receive copies of all of the ACC meeting minutes and site-visit reports, and meet regularly with the Selkirk College faculty member on the ACC and periodically with the "TRU Chair" of the ACC to ensure that any concerns are addressed and that the committee is functioning appropriately.

## 2. Appeal Procedures

The intent of the ACC is to resolve concerns of the committee with the investigator (protocol author). The ACC Chair will invite the investigator, if necessary, to meet with the committee. The investigator has the right to appeal if the final decision of the ACC is to reject a protocol. The request for appeal is made to the VPE, who shall ensure that a separate, fair and impartial review of the protocol is made by at least three external reviewers, with the appropriate expertise, who do not collaborate with the investigator. Reviewers shall be agreed upon by the ACC and the investigator.

## 3. Other Relevant Policies

6000 Employee Code of Conduct and Conflict Resolution  
3400 Student Code of Conduct – Rights and Responsibilities  
8700 Research Involving Human Participants