



*Grand Valley State University*  
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**ANIMAL WELFARE ASSURANCE**  
**in accordance with the PHS Policy for Humane Care**  
**and Use of Laboratory Animals**

**Animal Welfare Assurance for Domestic Institutions**

I, Jeffrey A. Potteiger, Ph.D., as named Institutional Official for animal care and use at **Grand Valley State University**, provide assurance that this Institution will comply with the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Policy).

Grand Valley State University:

- will comply with all applicable provisions of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) and other Federal statutes and regulations relating to animals
- is guided by the "U.S. Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Testing, Research, and Training"
- acknowledges and accepts responsibility for the care and use of animals involved in activities covered by this Assurance
  - as partial fulfillment of this responsibility, this Institution will ensure that all individuals involved in the care and use of laboratory animals understand their individual and collective responsibilities for compliance with this Assurance, and other applicable laws and regulations pertaining to animal care and use
- has established and will maintain a program for activities involving animals according to the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* (Guide)
- agrees to ensure that all performance sites engaged in activities involving live vertebrate animals under consortium (subaward) or subcontract agreements have an Animal Welfare Assurance and that the activities have Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval.