Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

The California Academy of Sciences’ Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (the “IACUC”) seeks to support the Academy’s mission through its oversight of the Academy’s Program for the humane care and use of animals. The IACUC oversees and regularly reviews all ongoing research projects (“Protocols”), including the health and wellbeing of all vertebrate animals used in research studies at the Academy. The Program primarily focuses on all Academy research Protocols involving the use of live vertebrate animals, and supported by the Public Health Services (“PHS”), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”), the National Science Foundation (“NSF”), and/or the National Air & Space Administration (“NASA”). The IACUC meets at least once every 6 months to review new or amended Protocols, or Protocols up for renewal, address any animal welfare concerns brought forth by staff or the public, and address Program deficiencies as they may arise. The IACUC also conducts semi-annual Program reviews and facilities inspections, and provides oversight of personnel training and educational programs related to Protocol health and safety issues.

Please fill out this Form if you wish to submit an Animal Welfare Concern regarding an animal involved in an Academy Research Protocol.