Animal Welfare Concerns

In compliance with federal requirements and University of Rhode Island (URI) policy, an individual who has a concern involving the care and use of animals at URI may have those concerns reviewed by contacting any of the following individuals. The contact can be made by telephone, in person or in writing. Individuals making the report do not have to identify themselves, unless they wish to do so.

- **URI Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee**
  - Dr. Terry Bradley, Chair
    - Phone: 401-874-5404
    - email: tbradley@uri.edu
  - Gwen Currier, IACUC/IBC Specialist
    - Phone: 401-874-2526,
    - email: gwencurrier@uri.edu

- **Animal Facilities Contact Information**
  - Dr. David Serra, Attending Veterinarian
    - Phone: 401-539-1199 / 401-742-2855,
    - email: dserra@uri.edu
  - Denise Vaz, Animal Care Technician
    - Phone: 401-874-2833 / 401-864-8054 (cell),
    - email: dvaz@uri.edu
  - Gail Golomb-Mello, Animal Care Technician
    - Phone: 874-2041, email: gmello@uri.edu
  - Caitlin DelSesto, Animal Care Technician
    - Phone: 401-874-2041, email: cdelsesto@uri.edu
  - Laura Huntley, Animal Care Technician
    - Phone: 401-874-2041, email: lara_huntley@uri.edu

- **University Administration**
  - Dr. Ted Myatt, Director, Research Integrity, Office of Research Integrity
    - 70 Lower College Road
    - Kingston, RI 02881
    - Phone: 401-874-2636,
    - email: tedmyatt@uri.edu
  - Dr. Gerald Sonnenfeld, Vice President, Research and Economic Development
    - Phone: 401-874-4576
    - email: gsonnenfeld@uri.edu

Reports can also be made anonymously through the URI Ethics Hotline, an independently administered, toll-free hot line at 1-855-236-1845 or online at www.uriethicsline.com. Please note that there may be a time lag in reporting using this service.

All concerns will be investigated. The minimum report must include nature of compliant, location of where the activity being reported occurred, date and approximate time of the incident. Whenever possible, indicate the name of the individuals involved in the activity and a protocol number if known.

Mistreatment is physical or psychological, wrongful or abusive treatment of an animal. Noncompliance means that procedures or policies are not being followed, and this may be willful or stem from confusion or misunderstanding.

The Animal Welfare Acts protects the rights of individuals reporting animal welfare concerns and prohibits discrimination against or reprisal for reporting violations of regulations or standards under the Animal Welfare Act.