Animal Ethics Committee (AEC) Code of Ethical Conduct

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Policy Statement | Kaupapa Here

The Animal Ethics Committee (AEC) adopted an updated Code of Ethical Conduct (the "Code") in November 2022 that complies with requirements laid down by the *Animal Welfare Act 1999 (New Zealand Legislation website)* including *sections 80* and *100* of the Act, which set out the purposes of the regulatory system for the use of animals in science, the promotion of the three R's (Reduction, Replacement and Refinement), and the criteria for decision-making. This Code was approved by the *Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) (MPI website)*.

The *Code* is located via the *Animal Ethics* page.

Staff can access the Animal Ethics training manual ("AEC Training Manual") via the *Animal Ethics page* or directly from the *AEC secretary*. Application and reporting forms will be updated by the Animal Ethics Committee as required and are also available on the same page or for students via their Supervisor.

Related Documents and Information | He kōrero anō

Legislation | Whakaturetanga

- Animal Welfare Act 1999 (New Zealand Legislation website),

- Official Information Act 1982 (New Zealand Legislation website)

UC Regulations | Ngā Waeture

- Discipline Regulations (University Regulations website)

UC Policy Library | Te Pātaka Kaupapa Here

- [Academic Appeals Procedures (PDF)](#)

UC Website and Intranet | Te Pae Tukutuku me te Ipurangiroto o UC

- [University of Canterbury Animal Ethics Committee Code of Ethical Conduct](#)

- [Animal Ethics Research page](#)

External | Mōwaho

- [Department of Conservation (DOC) (DOC website)](#)

- [Good Practice Guide for the Use of Animals in Research, Testing and Teaching (PDF, 491KB) (Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) website)](#)

- [Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) (MPI website)](#)

This policy remains in force until it is updated.

Document History and Version Control Table			
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