Date: 17 September 2015
Re: Regulatory Status of the Duke Animal Care & Use Program

Duke University maintains an animal program that is registered with the USDA, assured through the NIH/PHS, and accredited with AAALAC, International:

✓ USDA:
  o Customer Number: 863
  o Status: Current; No outstanding citations or non-compliances.

✓ NIH/PHS:
  o Assurance Number: A3195-01
  o Status: Current; No outstanding citations or non-compliances.

✓ AAALAC:
  o Accreditation Number: 363
  o Status: Continued Full Accreditation

The Duke animal care & use program:

• IACUC meets monthly, or more frequently, to review new protocols & conduct program business.
  o Has twelve full-time veterinarians, many holding board-certified status with the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM), the American College of Animal Welfare (ACAW), the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine (ACVPM), or the American board of Toxicology (ABT).

• Engages animal care professionals to assess all Duke animal facilities daily (365 days a year). Veterinarians are present on campus during business hours, and available on-call at other times. Clinical veterinary staff coverage is 24/7.

• Employs five (5) Certified IACUC Professionals (CPIA) to support IACUC functions and oversee protocol compliance.

• Engages several Registered Laboratory Animal Technologists (RLATg) in key operational positions responsible for animal care and use, training, and oversight activities.

• Utilizes four (4) Compliance Liaison staff to assure animal care & use is performed according to IACUC expectations and provide training as necessary.

• Communicates with numerous Research Animal Coordinators (RAC) who serve at the lab bench assuring animal welfare and well-being is a reality.

Regulatory concerns and questions should be addressed to the Director, Office of Animal Welfare Assurance at the address listed above.

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