

## **ANIMAL CARE AND ANIMAL USAGE POLICY**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**      October 14, 2010

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION**      Vice-President Academics and  
Research

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### **POLICY STATEMENT**

Grande Prairie Regional College (GPRC) recognizes that it has the moral and ethical responsibility to provide exemplary care and use of animals in college programs. The College is committed to complying with the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) Guidelines, CVMA accreditation guidelines, as well as related federal and provincial legislation and regulations which pertain to humane care, handling, and treatment of animals.

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### **PURPOSE**

Animals are essential requirements for the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) Accreditation of the College's Animal Health Technology Program. Various outside user groups bring animals to the College's facilities. Extension/business development short courses may also involve the use of animals.

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### **PROCEDURES/RULES STATEMENT**

1. GPRC will establish, maintain and support an active Animal Care Committee (ACC) to ensure compliance with animal care legislation and CCAC Assessment recommendations, and to prevent and/or mitigate animal care issues.
2. Ensure that a supervision and inspection regime is instituted to ensure the appropriate care, housing, handling and treatment of animals in the College farm operations, teaching labs and by outside (i.e. public) user groups.
3. Terms of Reference for the ACC will be established and monitored on an annual basis.
4. Establish a Crisis Response and Remedial Measures Plan to deal with public relation/media issues, fire, essential utilities outages, flooding and any other disaster events.

5. Ensure procedures are in place for monitoring and reporting any non-compliance with CCAC guidelines; thus ensuring immediate termination of procedures in response to any major infractions.
6. Ensure that the College Occupational Health and Safety Staff work with the ACC and College to address potential health and safety concerns as pertains to the care and usage of animals.
7. Instructors shall be responsible for student adherence to the animal care procedures established by the ACC, Farm Supervisor and user group facilitators.
8. Standard Operating Procedures will be established for the farm animals, dog colony, cat colony, outside user animal groups, etc.
9. The GPRC Animal Care Committee shall assist instructional departments and other animal use groups to comply with animal care requirements and regulations. The ACC is also responsible for reporting any infractions to the appropriate immediate supervisor and the Vice President Academics and Research