



# COLLEGE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC

## OPERATIONAL POLICY

### TOPIC: USE OF ANIMALS IN TEACHING

<b>Policy No.</b>	AC-112	<b>Division</b>	Academics and Applied Research
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<b>Related Procedure</b>	AC-112-PR	<b>Effective Date</b>	February 18, 2025

#### 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of the Use of Animals in Teaching Policy (the Policy) is to outline the conditions for the use of animals in teaching that meet or exceed provincial and national standards for ethics and care.

This Policy applies to all members of the College of the North Atlantic (CNA) community (i.e., affiliates, board of governors, contractors, employees [staff and faculty], students, visitors, and volunteers) that use animals for the purposes of teaching in the Veterinary Technician program, either on or off site.

The Policy does not apply to live animals that are brought onto CNA premises for purposes other than teaching.

#### 2. POLICY

CNA is committed to the ethical and humane treatment and quality of care of animals used in teaching.

CNA requires that all members of the CNA community that interact with animals used in teaching follow the applicable legislation, regulations, policies, procedures, and guidelines. At a minimum, all use of animals in teaching will comply with the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) guidelines and policies, which are referenced in Section 10 of the [Animal Protection Standards Regulations](#), and which may be updated from time to time. Animal use in teaching that departs from these standards is considered non-compliance and may be considered misconduct.

The lead instructor for the CNA Veterinary Technician Program will be the contact for this Policy and associated procedures as well as for adherence to the Agreement for Shared Ethics and Care Programs between CNA and Memorial University (MUN).

Ethical approval of all protocols for use of animals in teaching must go through the [Animal Care Committee](#) (ACC) as per the Agreement for Shared Ethics and Care Programs between MUN and CNA.

This Policy and associated procedures will be reviewed and evaluated as per the program accreditation cycle to ensure the most up-to-date ethical and humane treatment and quality of care of animals used in teaching.

CNA does not conduct research involving animals.

**3. PROCEDURE**

The Vice President, Academics and Applied Research, shall ensure that procedures are developed and implemented in accordance with the Policy.

Approval History
Approved by President      February 18, 2025