



NIH ASSURANCE

The Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals requires that institutions have an OLAW-approved Animal Welfare Assurance before carrying out any activities involving live vertebrate animals. The Assurance number for NIH grant submissions at Rosalind Franklin University is A3279-01. The Assurance was last renewed in February, 2024 and will next be renewed in 2027.

USDA REGISTRATION

The Animal Welfare Act requires all institutions conducting research on covered species to be registered with the USDA/APHIS and to have an approved Program of Veterinary Care for Research Facilities. Rosalind Franklin's USDA Registration number is 33-R-0027.

AAALAC ACCREDITATION:

The Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) is a private, nonprofit organization that promotes the humane treatment of animals in science through voluntary accreditation and assessment programs. It is considered the "gold standard" for animal programs. Rosalind Franklin University's animal program is AAALAC accredited (since 1985). Our current accreditation was in 2023; we will have a reaccreditation visit from AAALAC in the summer of 2026.

FEDERAL LAWS & REGULATIONS ON ANIMALS:

[Animal Welfare Act](#)

The Act defines a minimum standard of care and treatment that must be provided for animals used in research. This Act was passed by Congress in 1966 and amended in 1970, 1976, 1985, and 1990 and is overseen by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

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The 2002 reprint of the PHS policy includes the Health Research Extension Act of 1985, Public Law 99-158, the U.S. Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Testing, Research and Training and amendments. The policy is applicable to all PHS (NIH) supported activities involving animals and is overseen by the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW).