



## **Rowan College of South Jersey**

Policy: 3207  
Title: **LIVE ORGANISMS IN THE CLASSROOM AND LABORATORY**  
Area: Academic Services  
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The College encourages inquiry that incorporates the use of live organisms in the classroom, laboratory, and external College environment. However, the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff are of primary importance when planning for such use. Accordingly, the use of live organisms in educational settings must include hazard identification, risk assessment, student, and personnel training and protection, and preventative protection measures.

The live organism care committee will oversee the use of live organisms in College classrooms and laboratories. All such use will comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Consideration will also be given to student, faculty, and staff concerns regarding live organisms.

Notice will be prominently posted in all classrooms and laboratories in which live organisms are used. In addition, all course syllabi will include an announcement indicating that live organisms will be used in that course and providing the general procedures regarding them.

The live organism care committee will prepare and periodically review faculty applications for the use of live organisms in the classroom. Review and revision of such applications will routinely occur any time there is a change in the use of live organisms in any classroom or laboratory.

Administrative procedures will further define and guide the use of live organisms in the classroom.

### References:

Rowan College of South Jersey Administrative Procedure, *3207 Live Organisms in the Classroom and Laboratory*  
*The Animal Welfare Act of 1966* (P.L. 89-544)  
*Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*. National Institutes of Health.  
*Position Statements*. Association for Accreditation and Assessment of Laboratory  
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*Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Guidebook*. 2nd Edition, 2002. Office of  
Laboratory Animal Welfares/Applied Research Ethics National Association.

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