

## Yukon University Animal Care Committee

## Community Member Requirements and Information

Yukon University is committed to the responsible and ethical conduct of research. All research involving animals must receive ethics clearance by the Animal Care Committee prior to the start of the project. We follow the requirements of the national peer review agency [Canadian Council on Animal Care](http://www.ccac.ca) (CCAC) [www.ccac.ca](http://www.ccac.ca). To ensure these requirements are met Yukon University has established an Animal Care Committee (ACC). The ACC is responsible for ensuring that all animal-based activities at the University are done in accordance with Institutional, Regional and National policies and standards.

The ACC continues to build and implement these requirements through its membership and institutional supports. In addition to University faculty, staff and student members we require community representatives. Community representatives can have any background as long as they do not use animals for scientific purposes and are not affiliated with the University. They should have an active interest in the care and use of animals and should be willing to learn and support the work of the ACC.

It is anticipated that there will be 2 or 3 project review meetings each year and a few additional meetings to work on developing and maintaining the policies, standard operating procedures, forms, training protocols and other guidelines.

Guidelines for community representative:

- Represent community interests, opinions and concerns regarding animal-based research and teaching.
- Have an interest in animal care & welfare.
- Provide perspectives to questions and discussions of animal-based activities
- Be able to attend the meetings of the ACC.
- Must devote time to activities of the ACC beyond the regular meetings (reading protocols, site-visits, etc.).
- Be willing to work to address ethical dilemmas posed by science involving animals.
- A general understanding of scientific terminology is an asset.
- Works to support the animals' interests in a constructive manner.
- Respects the confidentiality of ACC matters and participate in all aspects of the ACC's work.
- Have the ability to use computers and Microsoft Office.
- Will have the full privileges of a Committee Member.
- Appointed by the YukonU President on the recommendation of the ACC for a two-year term, subject to renewal.
- No prior experience is necessary, information and training provided.

If you would like to learn more about serving on the YukonU ACC please contact Dr. Valoree Walker, Research Ethics Coordinator at [vwalker@yukonu.ca](mailto:vwalker@yukonu.ca) or 867.668.8857