



University of Maryland College Park Animal Care and Use Policy

Invertebrate Species

Background: Invertebrate species are used in university research and teaching programs. These species are currently unregulated by the Animal Welfare Regulations and are not covered under the PHS *Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* or the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*.

Policy: The IACUC and the University expect everyone (researchers, instructors, students, etc.) involved with using invertebrate species in research or teaching programs to handle them appropriately and humanely according to their species needs. At this time, invertebrate species use does not require a protocol and the IACUC does not provide animal use oversight.