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The primary function of the IACUC is to assist our faculty, students and staff in upholding UNMC and UNO’s determination to assure the finest care and most humane utilization of our laboratory animals. To this end, every research, testing and teaching project involving the use of a live vertebrate animal must be reviewed and approved by the IACUC prior to initiation.

The IACUC, therefore, shares with the investigator the responsibility for the ethical decisions made regarding care and use of animals. The investigator, however, assumes the principal responsibility, and it is the investigator as well as the other personnel involved in the care and use of animals that ultimately assures the fulfillment of the institutional commitment to the values established by federal agencies and the continuance of animal-based research at UNMC and UNO.