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**Valdosta State University Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee**

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regulations are being met and that appropriate resources are committed to the animal care and use program.

Principal Investigator – A faculty member or student who is responsible for a proposing and implementing a protocol to conduct animal research or to utilize animals in testing or instruction.

**EUTHANASIA OF ANIMALS IN PAIN OR DISTRESS:** The Attending Veterinarian, or his/her designee, has unilateral authority to euthanize an animal in extreme distress or pain that cannot be alleviated and if euthanasia is determined to be in the best interest of the animal. The Attending Veterinarian, or his/her designee, will make a reasonable attempt to receive advice from the Principal Investigator before the decision to euthanize is made. A written record of such action will be submitted to the IACUC on the next working day. This report will indicate

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**PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR APPEAL:** The Principal Investigator for any animal activity that has been suspended or terminated by the IACUC may appeal that action and request another review based on the correction of misinformation or additional information not available at the time of the initial review.