

RCTC procedures** for animal rights issues:

RCTC is registered with the USDA and is inspected on a regular basis. RCTC also has a duly constituted Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) that oversees animal use in its teaching programs. The committee reviews the procedures and policies that are used at least twice a year and inspects our facilities. The Veterinary Technology program is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). RCTC is performing animal activities in accordance with applicable federal regulations.

The institution does not need to answer to any individual or private organization regarding the conduct of animal use at the institution. Answering this type of inquiry will not help the school in any legal way, it will simply open up a dialog with persons who want to use the school's name for their own advertising purposes.

If there are any questions about RCTC's commitment to appropriate animal care, the institution's compliance with federal regulations should stand as the definitive answer to that type of concern. Each and every approved IACUC protocol related to animal use is a "written policy to prevent.... severe suffering." RCTC's compliance with regulations is available online at the USDA and AVMA websites.

****This information comes mostly from the IACUC coordinator for Mayo Clinic**

RCTC science department also has a written statement regarding dissections:

Biology Dissection Procedure

All students are required to attend all labs including the dissections. Students may be excused from actually handling the specimens, however, all students will be required to take the lab practical exams, which will include dissected specimens.

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Yearly review and renewal

11/28/11	5/5/12	5/21/13	9/23/14	9/21/15	9/26/16	10/4/17	10/25/18		
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