***Western Carolina University***

***Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee***

**Animal Use Protocol**

**Request for Modification**

This form may be used to request modification to procedures in a previously approved project.

Return the completed form and any new/updated permits to IACUC@wcu.edu.

1. **Administrative Information**

Principal Investigator:

Department:

IACUC Project Number:

Study Title:

Funding Source, if applicable:

1. **Modification Request**
   1. Describe modifications to study procedures:

* 1. If the modification includes the addition of species to the project, list them below.

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| **Common name** | **Species** | **Number of Animals** | **Site Location** | **Justification for Choice of Species and Numbers Used** |
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* 1. Does the modification alter the USDA pain category assigned to the species?

No

Yes. Describe list the new category and describe the steps taken to assess pain, discomfort, or distress and the steps that will be taken to minimize pain or distress:

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| **USDA Pain & Distress Categories** | |
| B | Animals are held for breeding purposes or observation (ex. Camera trapping studies) |
| C | Minimal, transient, or no pain/distress (ex. Live trapping, AVMA approved euthanasia) |
| D | Pain or distress relieved by appropriate measures (ex. surgery, biopsies, limb-snips) |
| E | Unrelieved pain or distress (ex. Food deprivation, immobilization of conscious animal) |

1. **Principal Investigator Statement**

By submitting this application, the Principal Investigator certifies the statements made in this request are accurate and complete. The Principal Investigator accepts responsibility for ensuring that all aspects of the study procedures are completed as described in the IACUC approved application and agrees to comply with all IACUC communication. The Principal Investigator will not commence work on the procedures described in this proposal until notice of approval is received from the IACUC.

The Principal Investigator will:

* Immediately inform the IACUC of any unexpected or emergent problems or study deviations that impact the welfare of the study animals
* Submit written amendments and receive IACUC approval prior to initiating significant procedural changes
* Train all research personnel in appropriate animal care and us3
* Retain all documents and correspondence with the IACUC related to these study procedures for at least three years

*My name and email address together constitute the symbol and/or process I have adopted with the intent to sign this application, and my name and email address, set out below, thus constitute my electronic signature to this application.*

PI Signature Date