



- **Use of animals in research is a privilege**
- **Research animals are partners in providing solutions to improve health**
- **Taconic is dedicated to providing the highest quality humane care and ethical treatment of our animals**



- **Strict adherence to applicable regulations and standards at all levels of governance**
- **Conformance to performance standards in the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals**
- **Accreditation by the Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALACi)**
- **Staff training in best practices to ensure optimal humane care and ethical treatment**



Animal Welfare Policy Components



- **Supervision and oversight to balance scientific objectives and animal well-being**
 - Sound professional judgment
 - Best practices
 - Guiding principles
- **Staff requirement to meet high ethical standards**
 - Failure results in disciplinary action, including possible dismissal