**Summary of Updates to Existing Animal Care and Use Policy**

- removed reference to policy adoption by Division of Ag; Ag has created its own policies and procedures covering animal care and use (note: the Division of Ag is **not** covered by the institutional Animal Welfare Assurance on file with OLAW)

- updated references to applicable regulations

- renamed “Biomedical” research to “Biomedical or sociobehavioral research and teaching” to capture activities that aren’t strictly biomedical in nature

- removed “Agricultural” research category as all protocols fitting into this category are now reviewed by the Division of Ag IACUC and are subject to Div of Ag policies/procedures; added language addressing Ag IACUC review (link to Ag IACUC included)

- updated definition of “Field research” to align with regulatory language in the Animal Welfare Act and Regulations

- clarified language addressing research involving dogs, cats and NHPs; updated language allows certain non-research activities involving use of cats and dogs on a case-by-case basis subject to review by RSCP and the AV (and IACUC as necessary)

- added language that VCRI has been delegated responsibility as Institutional Official

- updated language describing IACUC composition and appointment process to align with current practices

- updated description of appointment of AV by IO (rather than Research Compliance Director) and added language noting authority of Alternate AV

- updated section of reporting noncompliance and/or animal mistreatment to include method of anonymous reporting (link included)