

# OLAW Updates

**December 9-10, 2024**

**Scientists Center for Animal Welfare Annual Winter Conference**

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# Objectives

- Brief overview of OLAW
- OLAW's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act Updates
- 2023 Compliance Data
- Upcoming Educational Opportunities







## OLAW's Mission

- The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) provides guidance and interpretation of the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, supports educational programs, and monitors compliance with the Policy by Assured institutions and PHS funding components to ensure the humane care and use of animals in PHS-supported research, testing, and training, thereby contributing to the quality of PHS-supported activities.

## Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

- Policies and Law
- Guidance
- Education
- Resources



### 21st Century Cures Act – Animal Care and Use in Research

Actions to reduce administrative burden on investigators conducting animal activities while maintaining research integrity and the protection of animals.

#### Obtaining an Assurance

Criteria and process for getting an Animal Welfare Assurance.

#### ICARE Project & Workshops

A federal interagency project to empower IACUCs and institutions to increase compliance while minimizing burden.

#### Reporting Noncompliance

How to report situations of noncompliance and animal welfare concerns.

#### Tutorial for the PHS Policy

Learn about the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals through this tutorial.

### OLAW News

#### Helpful Hints

[11th Annual 3Rs Symposium: Practical Approaches to Each of the 3Rs](#)

[SCAW Virtual Basic IACUC Training Workshop](#)

[Biosafety Administrators Association \(BSAA\) Events](#)

[Save the Date: Upcoming OLAW Conversations](#)

[World Organization for Animal Health Publishes Resources for Countering Misinformation](#)

[IACUC 101 Plus Virtual Workshop](#)

[SCAW Virtual Basic IACUC Training Workshop](#)

[Register Now for the Winter 2024 SCAW Annual Winter Conference](#)

#### Helpful Hints

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# 21st Century Cures Act Landing Page



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## 21st Century Cures Act – Animal Care and Use in Research

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act, Section 2034 (d)(1), directed the NIH, in collaboration with USDA and FDA, to conduct a review of applicable regulations and policies for the care and use of laboratory animals and to make revisions, as appropriate, to reduce administrative burden on investigators while maintaining the integrity and credibility of research findings and protection of research animals.



Zebrafish



Departures



AAALAC Program  
Description



21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act  
Working Group Process  
and Report



Annual Report to OLAW



60-day Comment Period



Semiannual Animal  
Facility Inspection



Grant and Contract to  
Protocol Congruence  
Review



Semiannual Program  
Review



Prompt Reporting



Animal Activities Exempt  
From IACUC Review  
Under the PHS Policy



Streamlining Protocol  
Review



OLAW Guidance  
Disclaimer

# RFI NOT-OD-23-176: Cephalopods

- Comments period closed on December 22, 2023, at 11:59 ET
- Comments are under review
- <https://olaw.nih.gov/guidance/cephalopods-in-research>

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### Compliance Unit Standard Procedure (CUSP) Sharing Site

The Compliance Unit Standard Procedure (CUSP) Sharing Site<sup>®</sup> is an online repository where participating institutions can share standard procedures used in animal care protocols, supporting the development of high-quality protocols, while reducing burden for researchers, IACUCs, and IACUC support staff. The goal is to assist institutions to easily build a library of standard procedures to use for multiple purposes, such as variations on commonly used techniques, practical information for non-typical species, and methodology used in wildlife studies. Access will initially be limited to FDP (Federal Demonstration Partnership) member institutions (includes ~200 institutions), but the site will ultimately be available to all institutions.



# Institutional Reporting

- Reporting is required by PHS Policy IV.F.3.
  - Any serious or continuing noncompliance with PHS Policy
  - Any serious deviation from the provisions of the Guide
  - Any suspension of an activity by the IACUC
- Preliminary reports may be phoned, faxed, or e-mailed to the Division of Compliance Oversight.
- Institutions must provide a final report of reportable situations that includes a detailed explanation of the circumstances and actions taken. Also, a final report must be signed by the Institutional Official.





# 2023 Compliance Data





# Reportable Issues Data Analysis

**OLAW opened 5,992 cases between  
2018 – 2023**

Institutional  
self-reports

Allegations  
from  
employees

Reports  
from other  
oversight  
agencies

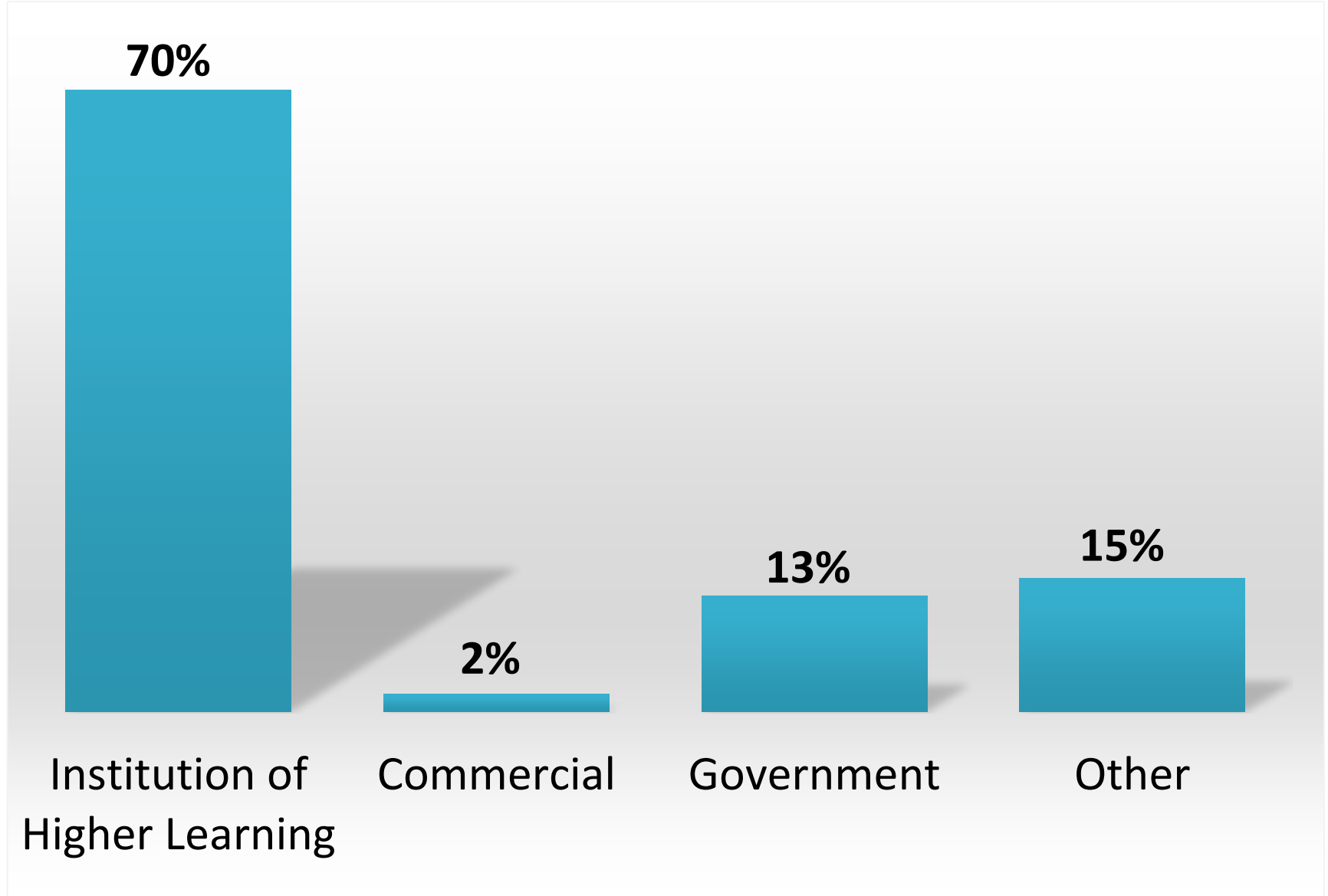
OLAW  
review of  
Assurance,  
Annual  
Report

Reports  
from  
funding  
components

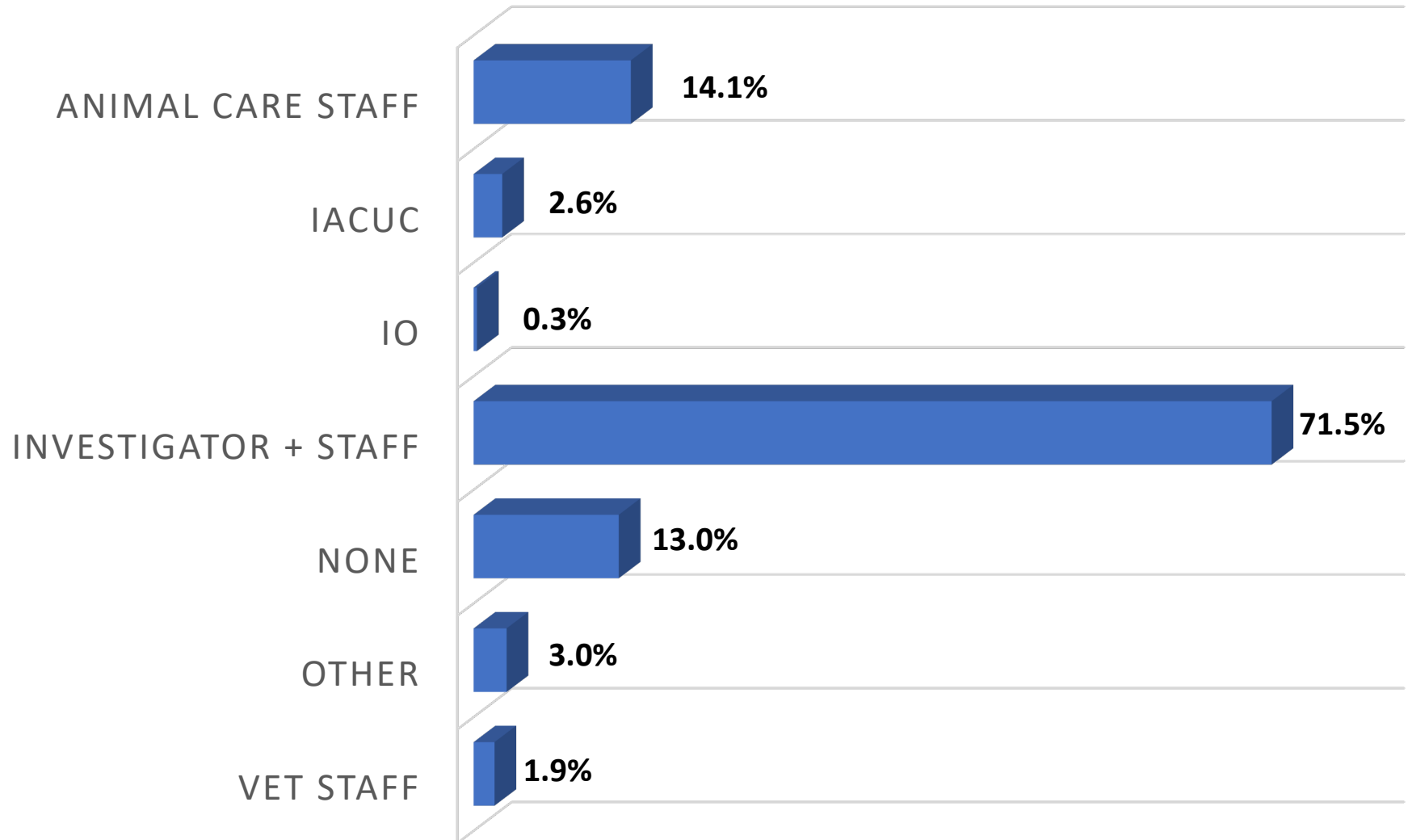
Allegations  
from other  
sources

**OLAW opened 1,099 cases in 2023**

# Reportable Issues by Institution Type

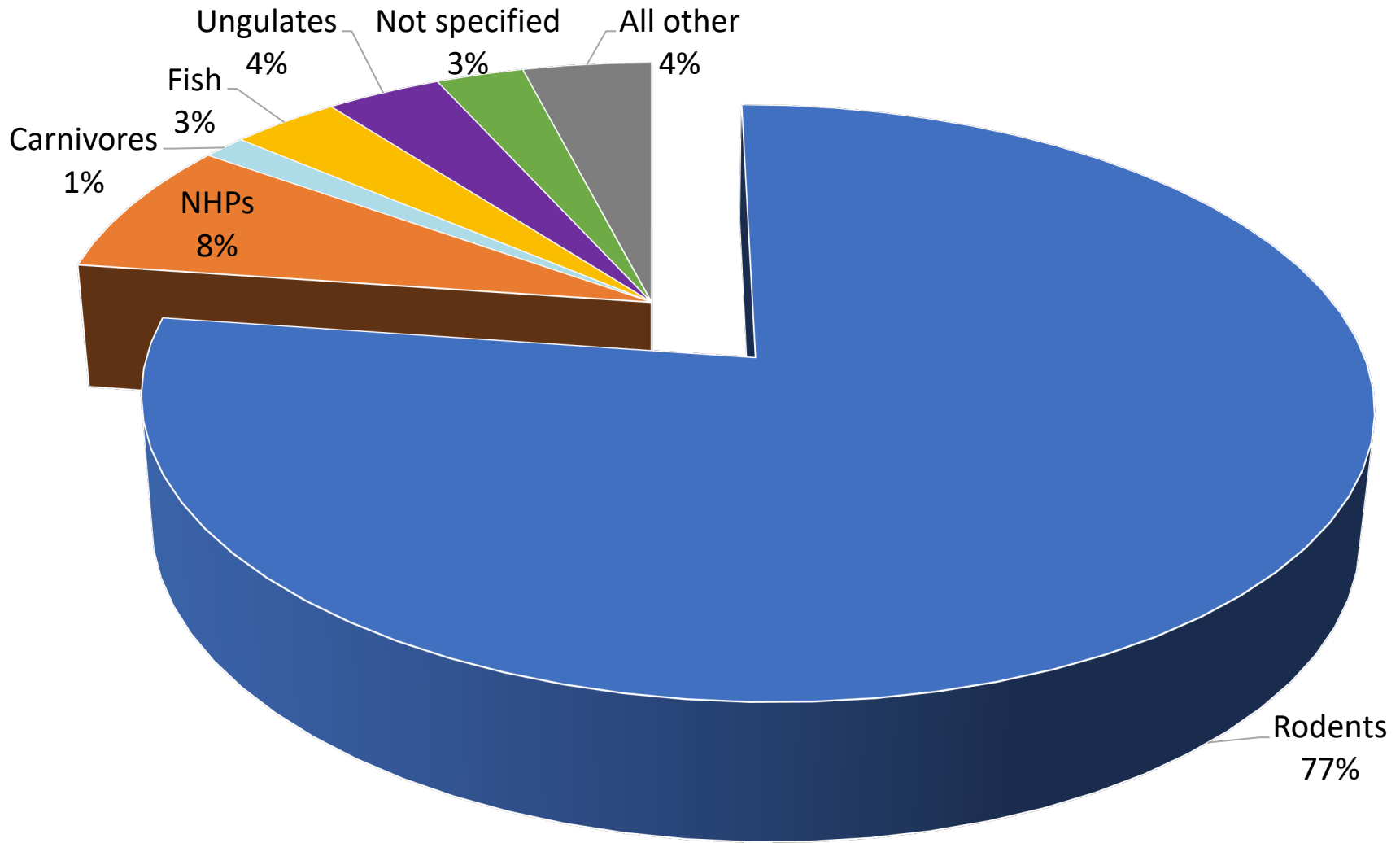


# Individual Responsible for Reportable Issues

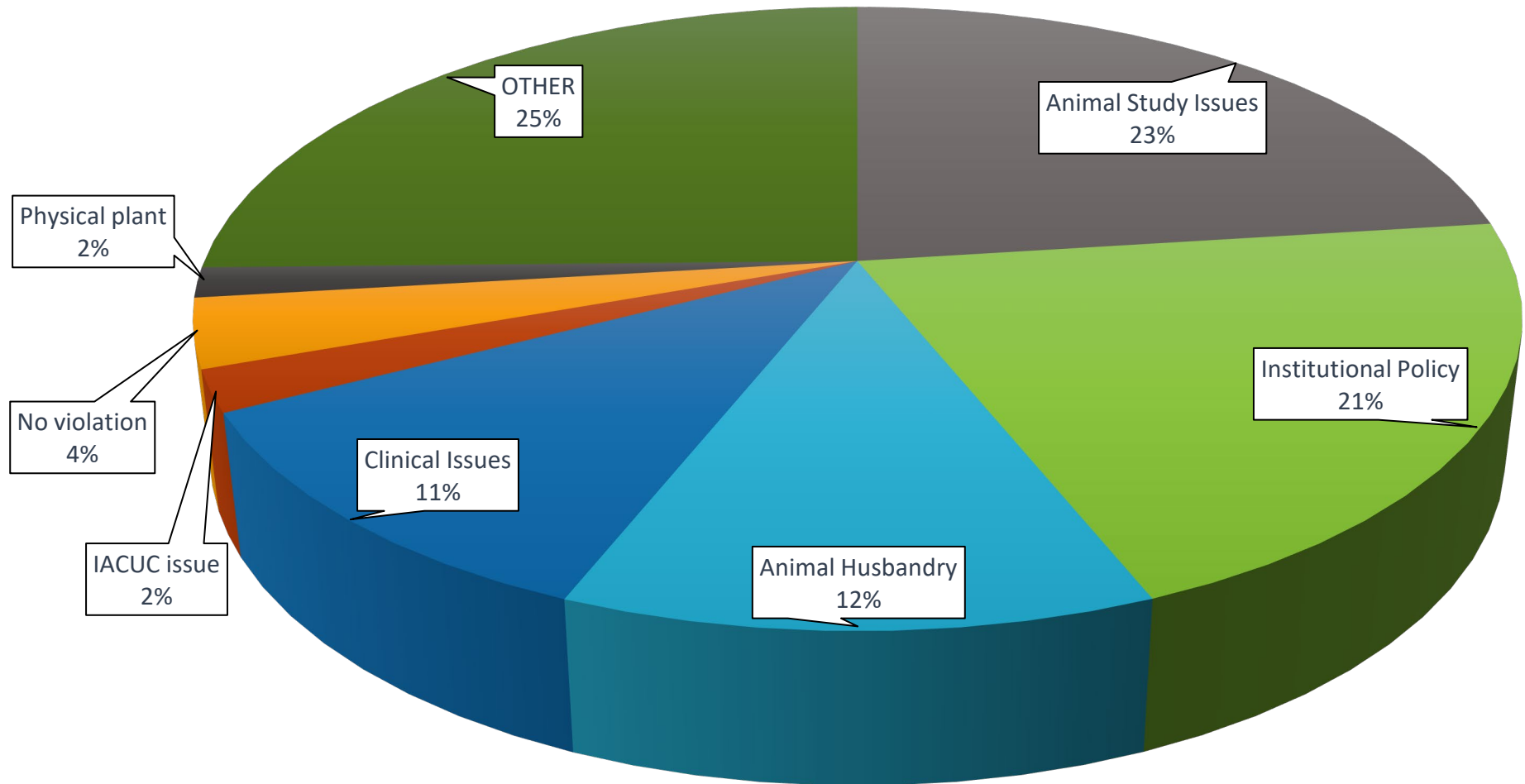




# Types of Animals Involved



# Types of Reportable Incidents in 2023





Educational Opportunities



# Upcoming Events

<https://olaw.nih.gov/education/workshops-conferences.htm>

## Workshops and Conferences

### National Animal Welfare Education Program Events

This list includes educational offerings from OLAW as well as from organizations supported by or working with OLAW. For external events, please contact the host organization for any questions. External events may also be subject to additional fees or membership requirements. [Sign up for OLAW newsletters](#) to be notified of upcoming educational opportunities!

#### Upcoming Workshops and Conferences

Date(s)	Location	Program	Host Organization
December 12, 2024 12:00-1:30 PM ET	Virtual	<a href="#">OLAW Conversations: Navigating Protocol Software Changes and Transitions<sup>et</sup></a>	OLAW
December 19, 2024 1:00 - 2:00 PM ET	Virtual	<a href="#">OLAW Conversations: Case Studies, You Choose- 2.0<sup>et</sup></a>	OLAW



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