

N.C.P.I.—CRIMINAL 247.70
INTERFERENCE WITH ANIMAL RESEARCH—WILLFUL INTERFERENCE WITH THE CARE OF
AN ANIMAL KEPT WITHIN AN ANIMAL RESEARCH FACILITY. MISDEMEANOR.
GENERAL CRIMINAL VOLUME
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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-159.2 (a)(4)

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The defendant has been charged with interference with animal research by willful interference with the care of any animal kept within an animal research facility.

For you to find the defendant guilty of this offense, the State must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant willfully interfered with the care of an animal kept within an animal research facility. An animal research facility is any facility where animals are kept within the facility for research in the advancement of medical, veterinary, dental, or biological sciences.¹

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date the defendant willfully interfered with the care of an animal kept within an animal research facility, it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty. If you do not so find or have a reasonable doubt, it would be your duty to return a verdict of not guilty.

1. G.S. 14-159.2(a)(1)