

Redesigned IACUC Website

The IACUC website has been redesigned, but still contains the information you need to comply with regulations and policies regarding the use of live vertebrates on campus. We continually update the site to ensure that all of the information you need is available.

Protocol Maintenance: Training Documentation

The AUP asks that you list each person's experience and training for the animal procedures listed on the protocol. This should be specific to each AUP, not a general statement of the person's overall education and training.

For example: The AUP involves giving intramuscular injections and placing cerebral cannulas in rats.

Correct – Dr. Jones is boarded in general surgery and has 12 years of experience working with rats to include IM injections and cerebral cannula placement.

Incorrect – Dr. Jones is boarded in general surgery with 12 years of animal research experience.

If the PI or one of the Animal Users does not have experience with a technique listed on the AUP, then this should be stated and an experienced mentor identified. Though the PI is usually the most experienced individual listed on the protocol, there may be a senior laboratory member who has special expertise in a particular surgical or experimental manipulation, and therefore, is the better mentor to be listed for a given task. Multiple mentors and their responsibilities may be listed.

Reporting Animal Care Concerns: “Whistle-Blower” Policy

Any person who has concerns regarding any aspect of the care and use of animals in research at The University of Texas at Austin is encouraged to voice that concern. The Attending Veterinarian has the authority and responsibility for ensuring compliance with all animal care and use standards and is the appropriate person to receive initial concerns.

There are a number of options available to communicate concerns about animal care and use at The University of Texas at Austin, or to report instances of suspected non-compliance with laws, rules, regulations and policies. The names and phone numbers of contact persons including the Attending Veterinarian, the Director of the Office of Research Support, and the Compliance Helpline should be posted in animal facilities [see attached posting].

Attention All ARC Users

The Animal Resources Center (ARC) is updating their facility access records. Any individual who received access to the ARC **prior to February 1, 2008** will need to complete a new access request form by **August 1, 2008**. Please contact the ARC Facilities Manager, Nachi Shukla (n.shukla@mail.utexas.edu), with any questions. The form is available on the ARC website: www.utexas.edu/research/arc/access.htm

The next IACUC Full-Committee Review (FCR) is **August 11, 2008**.

The deadline to submit materials for review is **July 30, 2008**.



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NOTICE: There are a number of options available to communicate concerns about animal care and use at The University of Texas, or to report instances of suspected noncompliance with laws, rules, regulations and policies. Any person may report concerns (anonymously, if they wish) using these contacts:

- 1) The Attending Veterinarian for the campus, Dr. Glen Otto, at 512/471-2392 or gotto@mail.utexas.edu.
- 2) The Director of Research Support, at 512/471-8871.
- 3) The Compliance HelpLine, supervised by the Office of Institutional Compliance, may also be used. The telephone number for the Compliance HelpLine is 512/471-2831. E-mail can be sent to helpline@compliance.utexas.edu. A confidential mailbox is also maintained at PO BOX 8118, Austin, TX 78713.

Reference: UT-Austin HOP Policy 11.B.3 "Use Of Animals In Research And Teaching Activities"