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### **IACUC** Update

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

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## Animal Welfare Assurance Renewed Through 11/30/2012

Every four years The University of Texas at Austin must assure the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) that it will comply with the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. The review process is complete and we are pleased to announce that our Animal Welfare Assurance (A4107-01) has been approved through 11/30/2012.

## Semi-Annual Inspections: Complete!

The November 2008 Semi-Annual inspections are complete. Common deficiencies observed included incomplete daily checklists, incomplete cage cards, expired pharmaceuticals, recapped needles in sharps containers, and overfull sharps containers.

The University of Texas at Austin IACUC is working hard to ensure that our Animal Care and Use Program is the best that it can be. Thanks for doing your part in helping us achieve this goal.

## NEW! Short Form for Collaborative Animal Projects

The IACUC has approved the Animal Utilization Registration Form (AURF), to be used whenever a research project involving vertebrate animals and utilizing funds or personnel that are affiliated with The University of Texas at Austin is performed wholly or in part at another institution.

The AURF can be downloaded from the Forms section of the IACUC website.

# ORS Closed for Winter Break

12/22/08 - 1/02/09



The Office of Research Support (IACUC Office) will be closed December 22, 2008 through January 2, 2009. No protocol processing will occur during this period. For animal-related emergencies, contact the on-call veterinarian at the Animal Resources Center (ARC).

## Reminder: eProtocol IACUC Now Accepting Protocol Submissions

We encourage you to complete all new or third-year resubmissions using **eProtocol IACUC**. While we will still accept protocols using the current Word Doc format, we encourage everyone to begin using **eProtocol IACUC**.

https://jerry.orsc.utexas.edu/iacuc/

#### **Tip of the Month**

For all you post-docs, students, and administrators who handle protocols, remember to copy your PI on all protocol correspondence (new protocols, answers to reviewers questions, and revisions). Failure to do so could delay a response.

The next IACUC Full-Committee Review (FCR) is **January 12, 2009**.

The deadline to submit materials for review is **January 5, 2009**.

NOTE: Documents must be received by 9:00 AM.

Animal Welfare Assurance **A4107-01** 

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