

IACUC Update

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
The University of Texas at Austin

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It's Official! Continued Full Accreditation

In late March, we received official notification of the results of the AAALAC Site Visit in November. The University of Texas at Austin's laboratory animal care and use program was granted Continued Full Accreditation by AAALAC International.

THANK YOU for your participation in ensuring the humane care and appropriate use of animals needed in the University's research and teaching mission.

Important Message Regarding Paper Protocols

*****Effective April 23, 2010, all new and third-year resubmissions must be submitted via eProtocol IACUC.*****

Any protocol that has been approved using the Word Doc format may continue to use the paper forms for the life of that protocol (up to three years from the original date of approval). The forms we will still accept remain on the "forms" section of the IACUC website.

Investigators may voluntarily transition their protocol into eProtocol IACUC at any time. Please note that until your eProtocol is approved, you must maintain and abide by the procedures described and approved in your existing protocol.

Please contact the IACUC Program Coordinator in the Office of Research Support if you have any questions.

New IACUC Guideline



The IACUC has issued a new guidance document entitled "Guidelines for Veterinary Care, Health Checks, and Illness Reporting." The guidelines are posted under the "Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines" section of the IACUC website.

Semi-Annual Inspections: Coming Soon

The semi-annual inspections of all the University's animal facilities will occur from **May 17 - 24, 2010**. This process involves an examination of all areas where animals are used and housed for experiments.

- ✓ An inspection schedule is attached.
- ✓ Prepare for the visit by using the "Laboratory Self-Evaluation Checklist" on the "Forms" page of the IACUC website.

eProtocol Tips of the Month

Tables are used in parts of the application where you may need to add more than one item (for example, Species to be used).

- When you click **Add**, a window will open where you enter the details related to the species. When you click **Save** in this window, the information is saved and heading information is shown in the table.

Common Name	Strain/Breed	Scientific Name	Housing Location
<input type="checkbox"/> Mouse_Domestic	C57Bl/6	Mus musculus	ARC

- To view or edit the detailed information, click the species name link, in this case Mouse, Domestic. This will re-open the window where you first entered the species details.
- To delete a species, click the check box next to a particular species, then click **Delete**.

The next IACUC Full-Committee Review (FCR) is **May 17, 2010**.

The deadline to submit materials for review is **April 23, 2010**.

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TO: All Principal Investigators and Laboratory Personnel
FROM: Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
DATE: April 20, 2010
SUBJECT: Notice of Semi-Annual Animal Facilities Inspection

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) will conduct the semi-annual inspection of the Institution's animal facilities from **May 17-24, 2010**. This process involves an examination of all areas where animals are used and housed for experiments. The "Laboratory Self-Evaluation Checklist" should be used to facilitate your laboratory preparation for the semi-annual facility inspections and is a good resource to keep your laboratory in tip-top shape.

Please post the name(s) and best contact method (e.g., lab phone, cell phone, etc.) of a knowledgeable person that will be present and able to answer questions during the inspections.

May 2010 Semi-Annual Facility Inspection Schedule

(dates and times subject to change)

Monday, May 17, 2010 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Annex, SW7, vehicle(s)	Thursday, May 20, 2010 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Floor 2, ARC Floor 3
Tuesday, May 18, 2010 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. PAT Basement, Floor 1, 2, 3	Thursday, May 20, 2010 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BIO, BME, PAI, PHR SEA
Tuesday, May 18, 2010 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BEL, PAT Floor 4, 5, 6, Roof	Friday, May 21, 2010 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Marine Science Institute
Wednesday, May 19, 2010 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Pickle Research Campus	Monday, May 24, 2010 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. MBB, NMS
Wednesday, May 19, 2010 1:45 – 3:15 p.m. Brackenridge Field Laboratories	Monday, May 24, 2010 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ARC General Facilities, Floor 1

Do not hesitate to contact the Office of Research Support if you have any questions or need any additional information. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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