

# IACUC Update

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## World Week for Animals in Laboratories (WWAIL)

This year's World Week for Animals in Laboratories (WWAIL)/World Laboratory Animal Liberation Week is being observed from April 16-24. No specific details about planned campus activities have been announced, but it is expected that student organizations (or off-campus anti-research organizations invited to campus by the student groups) will protest at the Mall and possibly along the Dean Keeton / Speedway / ARC route.

There may be media inquiries during this time. As always, media relations personnel in the Office of Public Affairs can help you verify the authenticity of the reporter's claims regarding representation before you engage with the caller. The Office of Public Affairs can also assist you with preparing for media interviews. Media experts strongly recommend that laboratories using animals prepare and keep on hand brief statements regarding the benefit to human and animal health of their ongoing experimental studies.

If you have any questions regarding WWAIL or media issues, you can contact Glen Otto, Director, Animal Resources Center, at 471-2392 or Robin Gerrow, Director of Public Affairs, at 232-2145.

The University of Texas Police Department (UTPD) is responsible for responding to any concerns about personal safety, property damage or possible illegal activities during this time. DIAL 911 OR (512) 471-4441 TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OR CONCERN TO UTPD.

## Transition Your Legacy Protocol into an eProtocol

New protocols and third-year resubmission protocols must be submitted using eProtocol IACUC. If you wish to transition your Legacy Protocol into eProtocol IACUC, you must keep your Legacy Protocol active until your eProtocol is approved.

## Semi-Annual Inspections: Coming Soon

The semi-annual inspections of all the University's animal facilities will occur from **May 2-16, 2011**. 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 Documents, Materials, and Forms page of the IACUC website.

## New Help for Writing Your Vertebrate Animal Section is Available on the IACUC Website

To assist investigators who house animals in the Animal Resources Center, template language and guidance has been created for you to use as you write your NIH grant proposal Vertebrate Animal Section. This document is available on the "Documents, Materials, and Forms" page of the IACUC website (<http://www.utexas.edu/iacuc>).

## eProtocol Tips of the Month

### Is the species you work with not listed?

Email [IACUC@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:IACUC@austin.utexas.edu) with the common name and scientific name and the species will be entered in the database for you.

### Ensure all funded projects are listed!

The Office of Sponsored Projects verifies that IACUC approval has been issued prior to releasing funds. If the funding source is not listed in your approved protocol, there may be a delay in receiving your award.

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **May 9, 2011**.

The deadline to submit materials for review is **April 15, 2011**.

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TO: **All Principal Investigators and Laboratory Personnel**  
FROM: **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee**  
DATE: **April 11, 2011**  
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 2-16, 2011**. 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 2011 Semi-Annual Facility Inspection Schedule**

(dates and times subject to change)

<b>Monday, May 2, 2011</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Annex, SW7, vehicle(s)	<b>Tuesday, May 10, 2011</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Floor 2, ARC Floor 3
<b>Tuesday, May 3, 2011</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. PAT Basement, Floor 1, 2, 3	<b>Wednesday, May 11, 2011</b> 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Pickle Research Campus
<b>Tuesday, May 3, 2011</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BEL, PAT Floor 4, 5, 6, Roof	<b>Wednesday, May 11, 2011</b> 1:45 – 3:15 p.m. DPRI
<b>Wednesday, May 4, 2011</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. NMS	<b>Thursday, May 12, 2011</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. BIO, BME, PAI, SEA
<b>Wednesday, May 4, 2011</b> 1:45 – 3:15 p.m. Brackenridge Field Laboratories	<b>Thursday, May 12, 2011</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. MBB, NHB, PHR
<b>Thursday, May 5, 2011</b> 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Marine Science Institute	<b>Monday, May 16, 2011</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.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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