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The University of Texas at Austin

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Webinar Series on the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (8th Edition)*

On December 1, 2011, the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) at NIH formally adopted the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals: 8th Edition (Guide)* effective January 1, 2012.

The Office of Research Support will host a series of webinars that will help you gain insight into expectations for implementing the 8th edition of the *Guide*, from the perspective of our accrediting agency, the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC). This 4-module course will cover key topics in the new edition. Each of the webinars will last approximately 1 hour and will be held at 10 am CST. The webinars will be broadcast in ACE 2.402:

- **January 12 (Thursday):**
Module 2 - Environment, Housing, and Management
- **January 17 (Tuesday):**
Module 3 - Veterinary Care
- **January 18 (Wednesday):**
Module 4 - Physical Plant

For more information and to indicate that you will be attending, please visit <http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/news/index.html>. Hurry, space is limited.

Sign up today for these informative and exciting webinars!

Protocol Closure Report

To close or retire a protocol, a Protocol Closure Report (PCR) needs to be completed. Completed PCRs should be emailed to the IACUC address: IACUC@austin.utexas.edu.

The PCR is available on the "Documents, Materials, and Forms" page of the IACUC website.

Reporting Animal Care Concerns: "Whistle-Blower Policy"

Any person who has concerns regarding any aspect of the care and use of animals in research or teaching at The University of Texas at Austin is encouraged to voice that concern.

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 (ORS), and the Compliance Hotline should be posted in animal facilities. The Attending Veterinarian has the authority and responsibility for ensuring compliance with all animal care and use standards and is an appropriate person to receive initial concerns in most cases.

Attached to this newsletter is a poster that contains this information, and should be posted in animal facilities (including labs).

eProtocol Tips of the Month

The species I work with is not listed!

Email 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 Full Committee Review (FCR) is
February 13, 2012.

The deadline to submit a new protocol or third-year resubmission is **January 20, 2012.**

Animal Welfare Assurance
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AAALAC Accredited Since
October 29, 2001

Please contact the Office of Research Support with any questions, comments, or concerns.
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- The Attending Veterinarian for the campus, Dr. Glen Otto:
(512) 471-2392 or gotto@mail.utexas.edu
- The Director of the Office of Research Support (ORS)
(512) 471-8871 or orsc@uts.cc.utexas.edu
- The Compliance and Ethics Hotline, supervised by University Compliance Services (UCS), may also be used:

<https://www.reportonlineweb.com/utaustin>
1-877-507-7321

Suspected non-compliance can be reported to UCS by email, telephone, US mail, campus mail, or even stop by in person.

E-mail: hotline@compliance.utexas.edu
Phone: 512-232-7055
US Mail: PO BOX 8118, Austin, TX 78713-8118
Campus Mail: UTA 2.206 | Mail Code D9200

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

Questions about animal bites, scratches, other exposures or allergies? Work-related injuries? Recombinant DNA (rDNA) exposure or biohazard risks?

HealthPoint
Balance & Well-Being in Work & Life
Occupational Health Program

Office: NOA 3.214
Hours: Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed noon to 1:00 p.m.)
Phone: (512) 471-4OHP (4647)
Fax: (512) 471-2666
Email: HealthPoint.OHP@austin.utexas.edu
Web: <http://www.utexas.edu/hr/current/services/ohp.html>

After hours consultation with an OHP nurse is available by calling the main number. Emergency or after hours urgent care is provided by St. David's affiliated emergency rooms.

Questions about drug/chemical storage and/or disposal? Spills, splashes, lab accidents? Controlled substances? Sharps? Biohazards? Carcass disposal?

 **Environmental
Health & Safety**

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