

IACUC Update

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

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AAALAC Site Visit Complete Thank You!

From all of us (Animal Resources Center staff, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee members, and Office of Research Support staff) – THANK YOU.

The University of Texas at Austin's triennial accreditation site visit with AAALAC (Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care) occurred November 13-16, 2012.

The site visitors appreciated the opportunity to work with friendly, cordial, and hospitable University employees throughout the visit. Thank you to everyone involved (Principal Investigators, Laboratory Staff, Animal Care-Takers, etc.) in the visit.

Several campus improvements that stemmed from the site visit will be taking place over the next several months. Stay tuned!

eProtocol Outage

eProtocol IACUC will be receiving a major software upgrade in the coming weeks. As a result, eProtocol will be unavailable for any use. At this time, the upgrades are expected to happen over the holiday break and for several days during the first week of January 2013. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Obtaining Past Animal Usage Reports (Renewal Form)

Do you need to look up previously reported animal usage on a protocol? If so, this information can be found by looking at your previously approved renewal forms in the protocol event history.

All active protocols can be accessed from your eProtocol dashboard by clicking on the link "Active Protocols." If your protocol has expired or has been closed, you can still access the protocol via the "Non-Active Protocols" link on your dashboard.



ORS Closed for Winter Break

12/24/12 – 01/01/13

The Office of Research Support (ORS) will be closed beginning Monday, December 24, 2012 and will reopen Wednesday, January 2, 2013. No protocol processing will occur during this time period.

For animal-related emergencies, contact the on-call veterinarian at the Animal Resources Center (ARC).

Lab Animal Allergy: A Word From HealthPoint OHP

Allergic reactions to animals are among the most common conditions affecting the health of employees involved in the care and use of animals.

The University of Texas at Austin has engineering, administrative, and personal protection strategies in place to prevent the development of lab animal allergy (LAA).

To learn more about the prevention of LAA at the university, read the Laboratory Animal Allergy Prevention and Information Guide, available on the HealthPoint Occupational Health Program (OHP) website:

http://www.utexas.edu/hr/current/services/ohp.html#lab_animal

Animal Welfare Assurance

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AAALAC Accredited Since

October 29, 2001

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **February 11, 2013.**

The deadline to submit materials for review is **January 18, 2013.**

Please contact the Office of Research Support with any questions, comments, or concerns.
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