

IACUC Update

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

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Requirements for the Operation and Maintenance of Guillotines

As per the AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia, equipment used to perform decapitation must be maintained in good working order and serviced on a regular basis to ensure the sharpness of the blades.

To assist researchers, the IACUC has prepared basic requirements for the operation and maintenance of guillotines:

http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/iacuc/policies_index.html

Submitting Documents to the HealthPoint Occupational Health Program

The HealthPoint Occupational Health Program (OHP) would like to remind investigators about how documents should be submitted to the HealthPoint OHP office.

The HealthPoint staff highly recommended that completed documents be emailed to their dedicated email address:

HealthPoint.OHP@austin.utexas.edu

Alternatively, documents can be faxed to:

(512) 471-2666

Mailing documents via campus mail is not recommended as the mail system is slow and can cause increased processing delays.

All HealthPoint OHP forms are available at:

<http://www.utexas.edu/hr/current/services/ohp.html>

Updated IACUC Training Website

Screenshots have now been added to the IACUC training page to assist researchers in accessing web-based training modules and training records. Check it out and let us know what you think:

<http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/iacuc/training.html>

Semi-Annual Lab Evaluations: Coming Soon

The semi-annual evaluations of all the University's animal facilities will occur from March 25, 2013 through April 10, 2013. This process involves an examination of all areas where animals are housed and used for teaching and research.

- ✓ An evaluation 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.

eProtocol Tips of the Month

The new home of eProtocol IACUC is: <https://spike.orsc.utexas.edu/ep2/> Please update any bookmarks that you may have.

We apologize for any inconvenience you may have encountered during the system downtime and appreciate your patience and understanding.

New features and enhancements will be slowly rolled out in the coming months. Please continue to read this newsletter and the eProtocol IACUC Information Center for any updates:

<http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/iacuc/eprotocol/index.html>

Some changes you may have already noticed:

- New terminology! A **Renewal** is now called a **Continuing Review**; a **Revision** is now called an **Amendment**.
- AALAS Learning Library training is now accessed via the "eProtocol" dropdown. See the training page on the IACUC website for screenshots and instructions.

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **April 8, 2013**.

The deadline to submit materials for review is **March 15, 2013**.

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TO: **All Principal Investigators and Laboratory Personnel**
FROM: **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee**
DATE: **February 26, 2013**
SUBJECT: **Notice of Semi-Annual Animal Facility Evaluations**

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) will conduct the spring facility evaluations from **March 25, 2013 through April 10, 2013**. 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 facility evaluations 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 laboratory visits.

Spring Semi-Annual Facility Evaluation Schedule

(dates and times subject to change)

Monday, March 25, 2013 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. DPRI	Wednesday, April 3, 2013 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. PAT Basement, Floor 1, 2, 3
Tuesday, March 26, 2013 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. MBB, NMS, PHR	Wednesday, April 3, 2013 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BEL, PAT Floor 4, 5, 6
Wednesday, March 27, 2013 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Brackenridge Field Laboratories	Thursday, April 4, 2013 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Marine Science Institute
Monday, April 1, 2013 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Annex, vehicle(s)	Monday, April 8, 2013 8:15 – 10:15 a.m. ARC General Facilities, Floor 1
Monday, April 1, 2013 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. NHB (vivarium & labs)	Tuesday, April 9, 2013 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ECJ, NHB (imaging center)
Tuesday, April 2, 2013 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Floor 2, ARC Floor 3	Wednesday, April 10, 2013 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Pickle Research Campus
Tuesday, April 2, 2013 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BME, PAI, SEA	

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