

IACUC Update

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Animal Welfare Assurance Renewed Through 11/30/2016

Every four years The University of Texas at Austin must assure the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) that it will comply with the *Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*. The review process is complete and we are pleased to announce that our Animal Welfare Assurance (A4107-01) has been approved through November 30, 2016.

Revised AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) has issued and posted an update to the 2007 Guidelines on Euthanasia with a new title, *AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals: 2013 Edition*.

To access the revised 2013 Guidelines and an executive summary, please see:

<https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Euthanasia-Guidelines.aspx>

Over the next few months, the IACUC will be updating all our policies, procedures, guidelines, and educational resources to reflect the new guidelines.

A new course is available in the AALAS Learning Library for the AVMA Guidelines for Euthanasia of Animals: 2013 Edition. This course is now available in the US Mandates and Guidelines track.

eProtocol Tip of the Month

The new home of eProtocol IACUC is:
<https://spike.orsc.utexas.edu/ep2/>

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.

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 20-28. 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 University Communications office (512-471-3151) can help you verify the authenticity of the reporter’s claims regarding representation before you engage with the caller. The Media Relations group can also assist you with preparing for 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. Contact the Public Affairs Representative for your College/School/Unit (available at): <http://www.utexas.edu/opa/media/contacts.php>

If you have questions, you can contact Glen Otto, Director, Animal Resources Center, at 471-2392 or, for media issues, Gary Susswein, Director of Media Relations at 471-4945 or susswein@austin.utexas.edu.

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.

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **May 13, 2013**.

The deadline to submit materials for review is **April 19, 2013**.

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