

# IACUC Update

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## New Training Requirements effective December 1, 2014

Reminder beginning December 1, 2014, all non-fish, non-amphibian, non-traditional laboratory animal users must complete the "Introduction to Wildlife" (course ID 3928) course in the AALAS Learning Library.

In addition, beginning December 1, 2014, all personnel working with fish (zebrafish users excluded) must complete the "Introduction to Fish" (course ID 3927) course in the AALAS Learning Library.

On December 1, 2014, all species with new training requirements will be coded in eProtocol. At that time, protocol actions cannot be submitted if personnel have not completed the required courses.

For more information, please refer to the June 2014 (Volume 7, Issue 9) and July 2014 (Volume 7, Issue 10) IACUC Update. An archive of previous IACUC Update newsletters is available on the ORS website:

[http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/iacuc/news\\_archive.html](http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/iacuc/news_archive.html)

## Cold Weather is Here. Protect Your Animals During Transport!

Texas weather is subject to occasional extremes that can affect animals being transported outdoors. Animals must be protected from direct sunlight during transport and sheltered from any rain, snow, or sleet.

Most animals can tolerate exposure to temperatures between 45°F and 85°F during short-term transportation on campus, but when temperatures are above or below that range exposure should be brief and supplemental heating or cooling for transport may be required depending on the species involved.

Contact the ARC for more information and advice on transportation options when adverse weather is a factor.



## ORS Closed for Thanksgiving 11/27/14 & 11/28/14

The Office of Research Support (ORS) will be closed Thursday, November 27, 2014 and Friday, November 28, 2014. No protocol processing will occur during this time period.

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

## Protocol Review & Winter Break

As the semester draws to a close, the Office of Research Support (ORS) wants to share information that may be useful in planning your IACUC protocol submissions. The office will be closed beginning December 22, 2014 and will reopen January 2, 2015.

In order to assist your planning and ensure the ORS is able to facilitate the review of IACUC protocol submissions, protocol amendments and continuing reviews received before 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 will be processed before the end of business on Friday, December 19, 2014. *Please note that if the protocol is returned or requires substantial revision, we may not be able to complete the review of those changes before the University closes.* All efforts to avoid waiting until the last day are appreciated.

Any new protocol or third-year resubmission submitted after 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 will not be reviewed until the February 9, 2015 Full Committee Review.

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **December 1, 2014.**

The submission deadline for review at this FCR is **November 7, 2014.**

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