

# IACUC Update

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

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## Reporting Animal Care Concerns: “Whistle-Blower Policy”

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

Concerns about animal care and use should be reported to the Attending Veterinarian, the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, or University Compliance Services. The names and phone numbers of these contact points should be posted in animal facilities and laboratories.

The IACUC has prepared a poster that contains this information and should be posted in animal facilities (including labs). The poster, in both English and Spanish, is available on the IACUC website.

## Need Help? Call Us!

The Office of Research Support is here to help. Please call if you have any questions!

**(512) 471-8871**

## Annual Animal Usage Report: Coming Soon

Each year, The University of Texas at Austin must submit an annual report of animal usage to the USDA to maintain compliance with the Animal Welfare Act. Additionally, we must also report this usage to our accrediting agency, AAALAC, to maintain our accreditation status.

**These reports must include the total number of animals that have been used between October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. \*\*NOTE: This is not the same reporting period as your animal use protocol(s).\*\***

All Principal Investigators that have had an active protocol in the above time period will be receiving an email notice regarding this report soon.

## Semi-Annual Facility Evaluations: Coming Soon!

The semi-annual evaluations of all the University’s animal facilities will occur from **September 28, 2015 through October 8, 2015**. This process involves an examination of all areas where animals are used or housed for teaching, research, and/or testing.

A complete schedule is attached to this newsletter. Unfortunately, *the IACUC will be unable to provide specific times within each evaluation window for individual laboratories.*

You can prepare your laboratory for the visit by reviewing the revised “Laboratory Self-Evaluation Checklists” that are available on the “Documents, Materials, and Forms” page of the IACUC website.

## eProtocol Euthanasia Updates

In an effort to streamline and manage eProtocol IACUC entries, we’ve made several changes to the euthanasia entries.

- All “Beuthanasia solution” entries have been changed to “Beuthanasia, Euthesol, or Euthanasia III.”
- All “Na-pentobarbital” entries have been changed to “Pentobarbital.”

Protocol entries have been updated automatically to reflect these changes.

eProtocol only allows one entry per species per protocol using the same “Primary Euthanasia Method.” We recognize that some investigators may utilize more than one dosage of pentobarbital. As a result, we’ve added “Pentobarbital (alternate dosage)” to the euthanasia method drop-down menu.

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **October 12, 2015**.

The submission deadline for review at this FCR is **September 18, 2015**.

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TO: **All Principal Investigators and Laboratory Personnel**  
FROM: **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)**  
DATE: **September 15, 2015**  
SUBJECT: **Notice of Fall Semi-Annual Animal Facility Evaluations**

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) will conduct the fall facility evaluations from **September 28, 2015 through October 8, 2015**. This process involves an examination of all areas where animals are used and housed for research, teaching, and/or testing. The [Laboratory Self-Evaluation Checklists](#) 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.

**Fall Semi-Annual Facility Evaluation Schedule**

(dates and times subject to change)

<b>Monday, September 28, 2015</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Annex, vehicles	<b>Thursday, October 1, 2015</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. MSI
<b>Monday, September 28, 2015</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BFL	<b>Monday, October 5, 2015</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Floor 1, General Facilities
<b>Tuesday, September 29, 2015</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. BME, PAI, SEA, WEL	<b>Monday, October 5, 2015</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. PRC
<b>Tuesday, September 29, 2015</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. PHR, MBB, NMS	<b>Tuesday, October 6, 2015</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Floor 2, 3
<b>Wednesday, September 30, 2015</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. PAT Basement, Floor 1, 2, 3	<b>Wednesday, October 7, 2015</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. DPRI
<b>Wednesday, September 30, 2015</b> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BEL, PAT Floor 4, 5, 6	<b>Thursday, October 8, 2015</b> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. NHB (vivarium, labs, imaging center)

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