

# 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, International occurred October 27-29, 2015.

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!

## 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.

## Need Help? Call Us!

The Office of Research Support is here to help. Please call if you have any questions!  
**(512) 471-8871**



## ORS Closed for Thanksgiving 11/26/15 & 11/27/15

The Office of Research Support (ORS) will be closed Thursday, November 26, 2015 and Friday, November 27, 2015. 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 23, 2015 and will reopen January 4, 2016.

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 9, 2015 will be processed before the end of business on Friday, December 18, 2015. 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 9, 2015 will not be reviewed until the February 8, 2016 Full Committee Review.

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **December 14, 2015.**

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

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