

IACUC Update

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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:

<https://research.utexas.edu/ors/animal-research/policies-procedures-and-guidelines/requirements-for-operation-and-maintenance-of-guillotines/>

Requirements for Cage Identification - Reminder

As per the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* (2011):

Identification cards should include the source of the animal, the strain or stock, names and contact information for responsible investigator(s), pertinent dates, and protocol number when applicable (p. 75)

At a minimum, cage cards must contain the protocol number and investigator name. The information on the cards must be kept current. If animals are transferred to another protocol or if the protocol expires and is replaced by a new one, the number on the card must be changed to reflect the new protocol number. When the third-year resubmission of a protocol is approved, the old number is considered expired, and all cage cards must be updated with the new protocol number.

For more information on current requirements for cage identification, please refer to the ARC guidance document "Cage Identification Requirements":

<https://research.utexas.edu/arc/policies-and-procedures/requirements-for-cage-identification/>

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Semi-Annual Facility Evaluations: Coming Soon!

The semi-annual evaluations of all the University's animal facilities will occur from **March 28, 2016 through April 13, 2016**. 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.

In Case You Missed It: 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 **April 11, 2016**.

The submission deadline for review at this FCR is **March 18, 2016**.



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TO: **All Principal Investigators and Laboratory Personnel**
FROM: **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee**
DATE: **March 17, 2016**
SUBJECT: **Notice of Semi-Annual Animal Facility Evaluations**

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) will conduct the spring facility evaluations from **March 28, 2016 through April 13, 2016**. 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 email the IACUC 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 2016 Semi-Annual Facility Evaluation Schedule

(dates and times subject to change)

Monday, March 28, 2016 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Floor 1, General Facilities	Wednesday, April 6, 2016 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BEL, PAT Floors 4 - 6
Monday, April 4, 2016 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Annex, Vehicles	Thursday, April 7, 2016 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ARC Floors 2 - 3
Monday, April 4, 2016 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BFL	Tuesday, April 12, 2016 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. DPI
Tuesday, April 5, 2016 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. BME, PAI, SEA, WEL	Tuesday, April 12, 2016 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. NHB
Tuesday, April 5, 2016 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. PHR, MBB, NMS	Wednesday, April 13, 2016 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. MSI
Wednesday, April 6, 2016 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ETC, PAT Basement, Floors 1 - 3	

Please contact the Office of Research Support with any questions, comments, or concerns.
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