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Online Animal Ordering Changes

The ARC is planning on rolling out a new animal ordering system for research lab use in early 2017. The new system will be available for people to use in mid-January. The old web entry form will still be active for a month after that as a backup, but all labs should try to use the new system when it activates so that any questions can be answered and any issues taken care of before the new system becomes mandatory. There will be changes involved, with these being some of the most important:

The ability to order animals will be linked to a person's role in eProtocol. The only persons that can *initiate* an animal order are those that are listed in the Personnel section of the associated animal use protocol (AUP) in the eProtocol. The only persons that can *approve* an animal order are those listed on the AUP in one of the four Personnel positions that have submission authority for the protocol: Principal Investigator, Co-PI, Administrative Contact or Other Submitter. If an order is initiated in the system by someone listed as "Other Personnel" the order will stay in the system until someone in one of the four authorized categories on the protocol approves the order.

There will be some additional information required at the time of the animal order. The animal ordering system will prompt users to specify the account number to be used for animal purchase as well as the account number to be used for per diem charges upon arrival.

The system will produce an alert when an attempt is made to order too many animals on a protocol. Since the animal ordering system is part of the overall eProtocol system, it knows the total number of animals approved in the Species section of the associated AUP and keeps track of the total number ordered. When an overage occurs, a modification to the protocol to add animals must be submitted and approved before the ARC can process the order.

Additional information will be provided by the ARC prior to the mid-January activation of this new ordering system.



ORS Closed for Winter Break

12/23/16 – 1/1/17

The Office of Research Support (ORS) will be closed beginning Friday, December 23, 2016 and will reopen Monday, January 2, 2017. No protocol processing will occur during this time period.

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

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.

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **Monday, February 13, 2017.**

The submission deadline for review at this FCR is **Friday, January 20, 2017.**

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