Worksheet to Assist in Addressing University of Texas at Austin questions on DOD ACURO Animal Use Appendix for Research Involving Animals

Institutions using DOD funds to support the use of animals in research, development, testing and evaluation (RDT&E) projects must complete an ACURO Animal Use Appendix for Research Involving Animals and provide additional information or documentation as instructed by ACURO. The Animal Appendix may be found here: https://mrdc.amedd.army.mil/index.cfm/collaborate/research_protections/acuro/animal_appendix

Sections 2 (Administrative Data), 17 (Institutional Accreditation / Assurances), and 19 (Institution’s Veterinary Care) request institutional information. To assist investigators at The University of Texas at Austin who house animals within a UT Austin centrally managed vivarium with the writing of those sections, the following verbiage and advice are offered.

If you have additional questions about completing the ACURO Animal Use Appendix, please contact the IACUC at 512-471-8871 or IACUC@austin.utexas.edu

2. Administrative Data:

| Institution Where Animal Studies are Conducted: | University of Texas at Austin |
| Attending Veterinarian Name | Glen Otto, DVM, DACLAM |
| Attending Veterinarian Email | gotto@austin.utexas.edu |
| Attending Veterinarian Phone | 512-471-2392 |
| IACUC Administrator or Chair Name | S. John Mihic, PhD (IACUC Chair) |
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17. Institutional Accreditation / Assurances:

a. Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC) Accreditation (do NOT provide AAALAC correspondence):

   X  Yes  ☐  No  Animal work is being performed at an AAALAC International-accredited facility.

b. Public Health Service Animal Welfare Assurance Statement:

   X  Yes  ☐  No  Animal work is being performed at a PHS-assured facility.
19. **Institution’s Veterinary Care**: Provide a brief description of the veterinary care plan at the research site.

a. Describe routine care of animals by vivarium staff

   **Suggested Response**: Campus guidelines require that animal observation and health reporting systems are in place at all centralized or satellite facilities. All animals are observed every day including weekends and holidays by animal husbandry staff, trained research staff, or veterinary staff. All animal observations are documented. Veterinary personnel are available to observe, examine and treat animals as indicated when notified of a problem by husbandry and/or research staff.

b. Describe weekend, holiday, and emergency care of animals by vivarium staff.

   **Suggested Response**: The Animal Resources Center (ARC) employs three (3) full-time laboratory animal veterinarians, one of whom is on-call at all times, 24/7. The Attending Veterinarian (Director) and one of the Clinical Veterinarians are board-certified laboratory animal veterinarians and the other Clinical Veterinarian has received specialty residency training from an ACLAM-recognized program and is experienced in laboratory animal science and medicine. In addition, trained veterinary technicians are available to perform monitoring and treatment under veterinary supervision. Emergency contact information is listed in facility postings and is also available as part of the voice mail tree on the main ARC phone number.

c. Identify whether the attending veterinarian is on staff full-time or by contract. If contracted, address frequency of visits to the facility.

   **Suggested Response**: The Attending Veterinarian is also the Director of the Animal Resource Center (ARC) and is employed full-time.