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The University of Texas at Austin

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The next
IACUC Full
Committee
Review (FCR)
is **Monday
June 4, 2018**

The
submission
deadline for
review at
this FCR is
**Monday
May 14,
2018.**

Disaster!!!!

...And the mitigation of disaster has been an issue before Animal Care and Use Committee's for quite a while now.

The National Academies of Science Engineering and Medicine report that United States biomedical research institutions have suffered annual losses of 27 billion dollars due to recent disasters. Last fall the University of Texas Marine Science Institute found itself in the direct path of Hurricane Harvey. Though they did suffer significant loss, they also were able to save many animal lives due to a well written and implemented disaster plan. The plan protected other animals besides laboratory animals. At the Amos Rehabilitation Keep (ARK), birds and sea turtles were relocated to safer holding areas. Two days after the storm, staff released some turtles back in to the ocean.



Sea Turtles being released into the Gulf of Mexico after Hurricane Harvey

DO YOU KNOW YOUR DISASTER PLAN??
Contact the IACUC for more information

ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR AAALAC INTERVIEW??



Representatives from AAALAC international will be here this fall to tour and assess our animal research program and facilities. As part of those activities, they will visit and interact with researchers in many laboratories. See the information on the **next page** for some helpful tips for the preparation of your laboratory and studies for this event.



ASK JAMIE??

DEEP POCKETS asks: *Hey Jamie, I'm sub-contracting another university to do animal work for me, does the University of Texas at Austin IACUC need to know about it?*

Jamie: Absolutely. PHS, the Guide, and many sponsors stipulate that during collaborations there must be a written agreement between the 2 institutions to identify responsibility for animal care. In addition the IACUC will want to view the protocol approved by the collaborating institution's IACUC to ensure their procedures and descriptions are acceptable in relation to UT Policy. You can notify the IACUC by completing an "Animal Use Registration Form" (AURF) in [eProtocol](#), which asks for a brief summary of the project and an attachment of the collaborating institution's approved protocol.

IMPATIENTLY WAITING asks: *Hey Jamie, I'm a student that just started in a new laboratory, and want to get busy working with animals; how quick can I start?*

Jamie: That's a good question! You should tell whoever is updating the protocol to submit an amendment where the only change is YOU. Personnel additions (other than change in PI) can be approved the same day. If other changes are asked for along with the addition of personnel to the protocol, it will take 7 days or longer before you can start!

Questions? Concerns? Help on Protocols?
Trivia? Movie Reviews?



Contact the IACUC

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