

ANIMAL CARE AND USE UPDATE

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The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **Monday, January 7, 2019.**

The submission deadline for review is **Monday, December 17, 2018.**

New and Revised IACUC Guidelines

The IACUC has recently approved new and revised guidelines. Make sure you are up-to-date with the most current versions:

- #17 - [*Guidelines for the Social Housing and Environmental Enrichment of Laboratory Rodents*](#) (REVISED to include new species; approved October 8, 2018)
- #19 - [*Guidelines for the Use of Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment for Personnel Working with Non-Human Primates at UT-Austin*](#) (NEW approved September 10, 2018)
- #20 - [*Guidelines for the Use of Chemical Depilatory Agents on Laboratory Animals*](#) (NEW approved November 12, 2018)



ORSC Closed for Winter Break 12/24 – 1/01

The Office of Research Support and Compliance (ORSC) will be closed beginning Monday, December 24, 2018 and will reopen Wednesday, January 2, 2019. No protocol processing will occur during this time.

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

eProtocol Tip: PCR's

A Protocol Closure Report (PCR) is required to close or retire a protocol, including third-year resubmissions. When your project has ended and/or third-year resubmission has been approved, you need to submit a PCR. To do so, login to eProtocol and select the protocol you wish to close. A window will appear:

Approved Protocol Decision
Please select any one of the following:

- Open in View Mode
- Protocol Details
- Start Amendment
- Start Continuing Review
- Start Closure Report Form

OK Close

Select the option "Start Closure Report Form," complete the form, and submit to the IACUC.

You may continue to receive third-year resubmission reminders even if you have submitted a third-year resubmission. You can turn these reminders off by submitting a PCR.

IACUC Meeting Dates Posted

New meeting dates and deadlines have been posted online. See the [IACUC Dates, Deadlines, and Fees](#) webpage and mark your calendars!

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.

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