



AAALAC Site Visit

We are happy to report that the AAALAC site visit conducted in October went very well. The visitors conducted a thorough, four day review of UF's animal care program, which includes the IACUC, Animal Care Services (ACS) and Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S). The program review included inspection of several of our animal facilities and laboratories, review of IACUC protocols and meeting minutes, and review of IACUC and ACS policies. The visitors also talked with IACUC members and staff and ACS veterinarians and staff.

While an official report of the visit will be received early next year, the site visitors had many positive things to say about the animal care program at UF. They made a few suggestions for minor issues that could be addressed such as new policies that could be written, suggestions for more comprehensive training of Environmental Health and Safety issues and various animal husbandry issues.

The only major concern they had was animal care outside of ACS control; whether the animals are being cared for over the weekends, consistent animal husbandry, and condition of cages. They requested that ACS provide more oversight so that care of animals is uniform across campus. ACS has already addressed this issue by requiring investigators to turn in husbandry logs on a weekly basis and they have conducted additional animal training to labs in specific facilities where AAALAC had the most concerns.

The AAALAC site visitors said that for such a

large program which has so many sites and uses so many different animal species for research, UF's entire animal care program is doing an outstanding job. We extend that praise to the researchers and lab technicians that work with our animals every day. Hats off to all!

Major Revision of Protocols

We are often asked if certain changes to a protocol require an addendum to the protocol or a major revision. Here are some changes that require you to do a major revision:

- PI change
- Change in species
- Change in research objective
- Withholding of analgesics
- Increase in degree or invasiveness of a procedure or discomfort to an animal

In the new myIACUC system, that means you'll need to create a new study by cloning your current protocol and making whatever changes you need. The new study will then go through the regular review process.

myIACUC FAQs

How can I reschedule my protocol for meeting discussion? If your protocol is called for discussion at a Full Committee meeting and you won't be available, you can ask us to postpone discussion for a later date. There is currently no way to do this in the myIACUC system, so you can send your request to iacuc@grove.ufl.edu.