



New Sanitization Policy

The IACUC has adopted a new policy on sanitization. This was a suggested area of improvement noted by the AAALAC site visit team in October. The policy covers *Housing Animals Outside of ACS*, *Sanitization of Multiple Use Equipment*, and *Microbiological Monitoring and Documentation*. The policy is effective immediately for all UF researchers and follow-up will be done as part of the semi-annual inspections. Please see the complete policy to determine what applies to you.

<http://www.iacuc.ufl.edu/Policies/Policy%20on%20Sanitization.doc>

AALAS On-Line Training

The navigation to courses available to UF researchers on the AALAS website has been simplified. All courses available are now posted in one list under the heading Libraries / UF Researchers – IACUC Training Modules. Please see the training requirements for researchers posted on our website:

<http://www.iacuc.ufl.edu/Training%20Requirements%2060308.doc>

The IACUC renewed our contract with the AALAS Learning Library (ALL) this past fall. All accounts for UF staff had to be re-activated in order for people to have access to the courses. Due to the large number of lab staff that come and go each year, we re-activated most accounts, but not all of them. If you can log into the ALL, but cannot go into any courses, please let us know and we'll get your account re-activated. For any questions regarding the ALL, please contact Joan Wysocki, at jwysock@ufl.edu or 392-9907.

Important Notes!

1. It is the investigator's responsibility not only to follow the protocol, but to ensure that death has occurred in animals. A secondary physical method of euthanasia must be performed to ensure death.
2. For any non-anticipated animal death, the PI is required to notify ACS and preserve the body so that an ACS vet can compile a pathology report.
3. When breeding protocols are cited for being over the approved number of animals, all animals on the protocol will be put on hold, not just those that are over the approved number. If the breeding is embedded in your research protocol, this whole protocol will be put on hold. Further questions about this should be directed to the IACUC Office at 392-9917 or iacuc@grove.ufl.edu

“Whistle-blower” Policy

Anyone concerned with an animal's welfare or aware of non-compliance with the policies and regulations, regarding animal care and use for research, should contact a member of the IACUC or IACUC administration. Reporting an incident of suspected non-compliance or mistreatment of animals will initiate an investigation by the IACUC. **Complainants may remain anonymous. UF student and employee "whistle-blowers" are protected by Federal Law and University Policy.**

Additional information can be found at: <http://www.iacuc.ufl.edu/mistreatment.htm>