

IACUC Update

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Newsletter of the Institutional Animal
Care and Use Committee

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It is extremely important that research being conducted is consistent with the approved animal care and use protocol. Changes need to be approved by the IACUC prior to being implemented.

New Online Protocol and Amendment Submission

On June 16 we will transition to an online system for submitting protocols and amendments. This new system allows you as an investigator to view your active protocols online, create new protocols from their existing online protocols, and track the status of newly submitted requests. Based on information you provide when you begin to fill in the online form, only those sections of the protocol that you need to complete will be displayed. We hope that this will streamline the protocol writing process for you.. While we will still accept protocols in Word documents through August 31, 2008, we encourage everyone to use the new online system for all protocols beginning June 16. Principal Investigators will be able to access the online system through the IACUC website at <http://safetyservices.ucdavis.edu/iacuc> .

USDA Conducting Post-Approval Monitoring

Our USDA Inspector has been randomly selecting approved Animal Care and Use protocols and conducting post-approval monitoring of those projects. He is verifying congruency between IACUC-approved protocols and study records. It is important that all procedures being conducted are covered by the protocol and that anesthetics, analgesics, and antibiotics are being given as described in the protocol.

If you need to make a change to your approved protocol it is important that you submit an amendment and get IACUC approval prior to making the change. If you have any questions about when an amendment is needed or how to submit an amendment please contact the IACUC Office at (530) 752-2364 or by email at iacuc-staff@ucdavis.edu .

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New Campus Attending Veterinarian

Dr. Victor Lukas DVM, Diplomate ACLAM, assumed the role of Attending Veterinarian for the UC Davis Animal Care and Use program in November 2007. Dr. Lukas joins us from Oregon Health and Sciences University-Oregon National Primate Research Center, where he had served as Attending Veterinarian, Head of the Division of Animal Resources, and Assistant Director for Animal Resources since 2005. Vic is a board certified veterinarian with the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM), and his animal experience includes non-human primates, rodents, domestic pets, livestock, and amphibians.

Dr. Lukas is responsible for ensuring that the veterinary care program for all UC Davis research and teaching animals is in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act, National Institutes of Health guidelines and UC Davis policies. He supervises Campus Veterinary Services and reports to the Institutional Official for the animal care and use program and the Vice Chancellor for Administration, Stan Nosek. His email is vlukas@ucdavis.edu.

New IACUC Administrator

Alan Ekstrand has been appointed to the position of Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Administrator in March 2008. As IACUC Administrator, Alan's responsibilities include; managing the day-to-day operations and administration of the IACUC Office; serving as the IACUC's compliance manager; ensuring that the IACUC maintains compliance with the Animal Welfare Act, PHS Policy, state and local regulations, and institutional policy; and assisting the IACUC in developing policies, guidelines, and standard operating procedures.

Gerry Westcott, the interim IACUC administrator, has returned to his full-time responsibilities as the Campus Radiation Safety Officer. We would like to thank Gerry for his contributions to the animal care and use program over the last four years.

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Home Safety Tips for Researchers

The UC Davis Police department has created a one-page Home Safety Tip Sheet for Researchers. The tips are intended to provide helpful advice for individuals involved in research that may cause them to be in the public eye or to become the target of animal rights activity. You can click on the following link to view the tip sheet, [Home Safety Tip Sheet](#). If you have any concerns about security issues, do not hesitate to contact the UC Davis Police Department directly for assistance.

