



A. PURPOSE

To identify how different animal activities are overseen by the IACUC. Not all animal activities are regulated in the same manner. Accordingly, this guidance outlines different animal activity and the process by which the IACUC oversees these activities.

B. GUIDELINES

The University of Arizona expects that for all animal activities at the University of Arizona, animal welfare is a primary focus. In addition, the impact to human health must be considered when interacting with animals. Federal law requires oversight of animal use in research. Research institutions registered with the USDA and that hold an Assurance from the NIH Office of Laboratory Welfare (OLAW) must appoint an Institutional Animal Care and Use committee (IACUC) to perform this oversight. IACUCs have legal responsibilities to review, approve, monitor, and withhold/withdraw approval of animal activities on an ongoing basis.

An IACUC protocol describes animal work performed and acts as a contract between a PI and the University of Arizona. The PI is ultimately responsible for the conduct and oversight of all work on the protocol. The PI must ensure that all personnel with animal contact are appropriately enrolled in the Medical Surveillance Program and ensure that they receive proper/adequate training appropriate to the scope and nature of the activities.

With a few exceptions, the University of Arizona requires an approved IACUC protocol, whether full or abbreviated, **for vertebrate animal work** at the university. IACUC approval must be secured prior to starting any animal work requiring IACUC oversight. All animal activities at the University of Arizona are subject to UA guidelines, policies, and procedures, in addition to all regulations imposed by any local, state, or federal agency (e.g., wildlife permits).

Exempt from an IACUC protocol:

Certain activities are always exempt from IACUC review:

- Non-research, non-teaching or non-testing activities involving privately owned animals, e.g., walking a dog across campus or club activities
- Activities involving retrieval or use of animal-related data from records
- Any activity involving invertebrate species
- Removal of vertebrate vermin
- Food Products and Safety Laboratory
- Activities ordered and/or performed by the Attending Veterinarian (AV) or designee that involve only standard veterinary or emergency procedures necessary to ensure animal welfare

C. REFERENCES, MATERIALS, AND/OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The University of Arizona is registered as an animal research facility with NIH and USDA. In addition, the University of Arizona is accredited by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC). The University of Arizona Animal Welfare Assurance [D16-00159 (A-32487-01)] states that “This Assurance applies whenever this Institution conducts the following activities: all research, research training,



experimentation, biological testing, and related activities involving live vertebrate animals **supported by the PHS, HHS, NSF, and/or NASA.**”

University of Arizona Animal Welfare Program website:

- Links to IACUC documents and program information as well as regulatory resources:
 - <https://research.arizona.edu/compliance/IACUC>
 - <https://research.arizona.edu/compliance/IACUC/awp-resources-pis-new-investigators>: including links to regulatory agencies

Animal Welfare Program document I-IS-SOP-120 Protocol Classification:

- Provides definitions, examples, and additional information on what requires an IACUC protocol and/or University of Arizona oversight, and the classification thereof.
- I-IC-SOP-120 Protocol Classification