

Happy (almost) spring and greetings from the Animal Welfare Program (AWP)! Here are a few important items of interest for our research community:

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Website construction

As we continue to transition to the AWP, we are making long-needed updates to our website, which means there may be some issues. If you find broken links, missing documents, missing information in general, please feel free to send us an email at orcr-iacuc@email.arizona.edu so we can make corrections.

We are still working on moving to a new web address, and once that is complete, we will send information so you can update your bookmarks, and meanwhile we thank you for your patience while we reorganize and remodel.

Animal Oversight (eSirius)

You may have noticed that eSirius has a new look, and a new name. The official name is now “Cayuse Animal Oversight,” but it will still appear as eSirius in documents and the web address.

Functionality hasn’t changed, and you should find everything in the same places as before. We have found it to be more easily navigated and readable, which is an improvement! If you encounter any issues with functionality, like addressing review comments or viewing your protocol, send us an email so we can forward it to the vendor.

Transporting animals on campus

For people and animal safety, transport of animals between buildings should always occur in secure, indoor passageways, when they exist. Transport outside should be limited to circumstances where there is no connector between buildings. Of note, the tunnel linking the AHSC facility to BIO5 is open for use. Please use this passageway when moving between AHSC, BIO5 and the BSRL. UAC will redirect anyone observed transporting animals outside between these locations. If you are unsure of the location of secure pathways, or have building access questions, please contact your UAC facility Animal Care Manager for directions.

Document disposal

When disposing of documents, please be sure to do so with confidentiality and safety in mind. Animal records that can be disposed of (ie anesthesia records after a protocol has closed) should be shredded or otherwise securely destroyed. Items that are simply tossed in a recycle bin can be retrieved by anyone with access to it, including members of the public.

Listserv information

Please encourage your lab staff and protocol contacts to sign up for the IACUC Users listserv (which delivered this message). In the coming weeks, we will be running an update to ensure that all PIs and protocol contacts receive it, as this will increasingly be a vehicle to announce items of interest and importance to all UArizona animal researchers. While it is not a mandatory subscription, we do use an opt-out model for it.

As always, feel free to email us with questions, comments, or concerns.

Enjoy our transition to spring – this time of year makes our Tucson summers a tolerable compromise!

Thank you!

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