

# ANIMAL WELFARE PROGRAM NEWS

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## UPCOMING INSPECTIONS

**1/30 – 2/17/23**

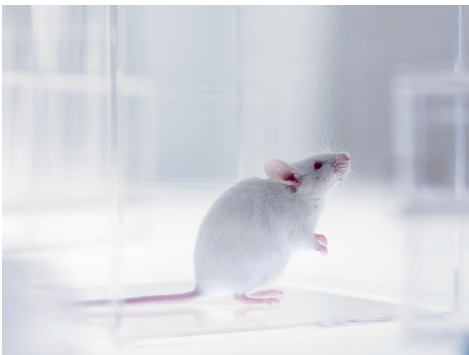
IACUC Semi-Annual  
Inspection – UAC locations

If you use space in a UAC facility, please be sure you are inspection-ready!

**3/27 – 4/14/23**

IACUC Semi-Annual  
inspections – PI Locations

Additional information will be sent closer to the date



## POST-APPROVAL MONITORING (PAM) PROGRAM

Congratulations to Mandie Dunham, who has accepted a newly created position as Manager, Post Approval Monitoring and Education within the AWP program. This will allow the AWP and IACUC to better fulfill the obligation of post-approval monitoring and provide more opportunities for training and direct assistance with your protocols.

PAM is meant to be an opportunity for growth and refinement of your animal work, and to stop small issues from becoming larger problems or even non-compliance. It is not meant to be a “gotcha” or punitive. Regulatory bodies expect all animal work to have sufficient PAM, and a number of factors will determine PAM selection, including at random, as suggested follow up from semi-annual inspections, feedback from veterinarians, etc.

In the coming months, Mandie and other AWP staff will be increasing the amount of PAM visits and will be reaching out to schedule with select labs. Thank you for your patience and cooperation while we get a more robust program in motion.

## AWP STAFFING

To go along with the new PAM position, the AWP is hiring an additional AWP Specialist. Thank you for your patience while the candidate undergoes training, which may lead to some delays in our response and administrative review times.

## REMINDER: BUPRENORPHINE SR – SWITCH TO ETHIQA

As a reminder, in July 2022, the AWP and UAC announced the phasing out of off-label Buprenorphine SR (Bup SR) for mice and rats, to be replaced by brand-name Ethiq XR. UAC veterinarians are no longer prescribing Bup SR for mice and rats for orders, as Ethiq XR is an on-label, listed brand that can be purchased with your DEA license without a prescription.

As you finish up any remaining supply of Bup SR, when it's time to order, be sure to look at your protocol and send an email the AWP to make the update to list “Buprenorphine SR (Ethiq)” on your veterinary drugs page if it is not already.

## UPDATED DOSAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ETHIQA FOR RATS

Updated dosage for Ethiq in **rats** has been made available. The new recommended pre-op dosage is 0.65 mg/kg. New entries in the Veterinary Drugs table in protocols should automatically fill the new dosage, however existing entries will need to be updated.

UAC Veterinarians have approved this new dosage and ask that any protocols using Ethiq for rats **be updated**. Please feel free to start an amendment to make the update and email us in the AWP office before submitting the change.

## TRAINING & DOCUMENTATION

As a reminder, any lab staff with contact with animals must be provided training for lab-specific procedures, outside of the basic CITI and GRST training, and all training needs to be documented. Training documentation may be reviewed during inspections or PAM visits.

Part of training should involve information on how to **access and read the animal protocol** in Cayuse Animal Oversight, and this training **should also be documented**.

## OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH/ANIMAL HAZARDS PROGRAM (AHP) UPDATES

The AHP – which includes the RAQ process for new personnel – will be transitioning to the Chester platform, which you may already be familiar with for RLSS and other safety committees. Look for announcements in the coming weeks with additional information.

## NEW BREEDING ADDENDUM & UAC INFORMATION

We have updated our breeding addendum to include more relevant information to assist PIs, reviewers, and UAC staff in calculating and caring for breeding colonies. The breeding addendum is on our website at <https://research.arizona.edu/compliance/IACUC/iacuc-awp-forms-signs-labels>.

UAC's updated information is at <https://confluence.arizona.edu/display/UACInformation/Training+and+Guidelines> in the Training and Guidelines section.



# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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