

# ANIMAL WELFARE PROGRAM NEWS

Spring 2024

## UPCOMING INSPECTIONS

**4/15 – 4/26/2024 PI Lab Locations**

Please make sure your lab spaces are inspection ready and your records are up to date! If you need to remove a space or have any questions, reach out to the AWP. If you need assistance in disposing of expired items, reach out to RLSS, or be sure to properly label.



## Happy Spring!

### NEW DOCUMENTS

IACUC Guidance I-IC-GU-607 Isoflurane Vaporizer Certification has been updated to include added details and requirements for waste scavenging.

IACUC Guidance I-IC-GU-201 Euthanasia by Cervical Dislocation or Decapitation has been renewed with no major changes.

Documents are attached, and available on our website:

<https://research.arizona.edu/compliance/IACUC/policies-procedures-and-guidelines> (UA NetID log in required).

### INSPECTIONS

***Did you know, our most common inspection findings are related to expired drugs and materials and waste gas scavenger labeling and vaporizer certification?***

IACUC semi-annual inspections of PI lab spaces are just around the corner, to be conducted 4/15 – 4/26/2024. Additional information, including details on how to make your lab inspection ready, will be sent in March.

Meanwhile, please verify that the rooms listed on your protocol are up to date and in active use. If you need to make changes to your approved rooms, please reach out to the Animal Welfare Program and we'll be happy to help!

As a reminder, rooms used for surgery, satellite facilities, or USDA species need to be inspected at least every six months, while rooms used for other activities (imaging, euthanasia only, behavior testing, etc) only need to be inspected once a year.

### LISTSERV SUBSCRIPTIONS

The AWP and IACUC use this listserv to relay important information to UArizona animal users. We are making updates to our listserv subscriber list, to include PIs and lab managers with active IACUC protocols.

We strongly suggest that all PIs and lab managers remain subscribed to the listserv; however if you wish to unsubscribe, please see the instructions located [here](#). Click on "Unsubscribing from a List" and follow the instructions.

## TRANSFERRING ANIMALS BETWEEN PROTOCOLS

The AWP is updating how animal transfers are captured on protocols, especially to and from core and service protocols. New information and sample forms for tracking transfers will be issued in the coming months. Updates may need to be made to protocol use locations, personnel, and methodologies. Updates will be handled during de novo renewals and large amendments.

Thank you for your patience while we finalize details and implement the updates.

## UPDATES TO ABBREVIATED AND FIELD PROTOCOLS

To provide better oversight to all animal activities, the IACUC will be implementing updates to how abbreviated and field protocols are classified. Some protocols that are currently abbreviated and describe animal contact and handling may require an update to a full protocol. AWP staff will reach out to any who may need to update and assist in making the changes.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES & IDEAS

We are looking for ideas for seminars and webinars to provide additional training and outreach opportunities. We hope to offer regular live seminars/webinars as well as an eventual library of recordings for on-demand use.

If there is an IACUC topic you'd like to see available, for example, how to keep good training records or how to organize a lab to ensure compliance, please let us know.

Additionally, if you would like to schedule a training session just for your lab, do not hesitate to reach out to the AWP!

## CONTACT US

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