# ANIMAL WELFARE PROGRAM NEWS

Summer 2024

## Summer is Here!

### REMINDER

A reminder that IACUC approval does not necessarily mean you are ready to begin research. Other university stakeholders, including but not limited to, Research and Laboratory Safety Services (RLSS), Office of Responsible Outside Interests (OROI), Export Control, Sponsored Projects (SPS), and your own department, may have additional requirements before you are ready to begin research.

Additional information on research support is available at: https://research.arizona.edu/research-support.

## New AWP and IACUC Initiatives

### IACUC REVIEW FEES FOR EXTERNAL FUNDING

The Animal Welfare Program will begin assessing fees for the IACUC review of protocols with external funding (non-federal). Additional information will be sent separately later in the summer and will include a fee schedule and information on how fees will be determined.

Review fees will only be assessed for externally funded work and will follow federal and state requirements for grants and other funding. Fees will be assessed at de novo renewal and/or for new protocols.

The AWP will be happy to answer any questions after the fee information is sent out later this summer.

### SATELLITE HOUSING

Updated agreements for satellite housing are coming, with a planned start in August. The agreements will require signatures from the department chair or above, in addition to the PI, IACUC Chair, and AV. Satellite housing documents will also now include an emergency plan, in addition to the MUA and Housing SOP.

The IACUC will be responsible for approving satellite housing and will look at scientific justification for requests to house outside the vivariums. The AWP office will be happy to assist in processing requests for satellite housing and will provide the documents necessary for approval.

## INSPECTION UPDATES

The most recent round of semi-annual inspections of PI locations happened at the end of April. Inspectors visited over 140 unique locations and most findings were considered minor.

In addition to the usual common findings of expired drugs/materials and waste gas scavenger labeling/certification, the most common observation was alcohol being used as a disinfectant. Alcohol is not an acceptable method of sterilization/disinfection. Surfaces that animals contact should be correctly disinfected using bleach or a commercial disinfectant, not alcohol. Reach out to the AWP or UAC with any questions on proper disinfection of equipment, research devices, and other items.

As a reminder, locations that are not in use for surgery, satellite housing, or USDA regulated species only need to be inspected once a year and are split up between fall and spring inspection cycles. All your rooms may not be inspected during each cycle, especially if you have surgical locations separate from, for instance, behavior locations.

## CORE SERVICES

Core protocols are those who provide services to other PIs for specialized work, IE imaging, surgery services, breeding, etc. The AWP tries to make it as easy as possible for PIs to use core services on their own protocols, without having to transfer animals, while maintaining compliance with all regulatory bodies.

Beginning in August, any PIs using core services will need to briefly list, but not necessarily describe, the service being provided by a core, reference the core protocol #, virtually (without using Cayuse) transfer animals to and from the core protocol, and keep records of the transfers and core services performed. All Core personnel and locations will now only be listed on the Core protocol and no longer on the PI's protocol. AWP staff will assist in removing relevant personnel and locations and ensuring the correct verbiage is on each protocol. We will also provide examples for records for tracking information.

Watch for emails from the AWP as we make these updates.

## CITI TRAINING & REFRESHERS

CITI training is a requirement for all animal users and is dependent on the protocol activities and species. The IACUC will soon require some protocol participants to take a CITI refresher course at each de novo renewal.

Additional information on who will be required to take the refresher course and how to do so will be rolled out later this summer.

## ADOPTION AS AN ALTERNATIVE END POINT

If you plan on using adoption as an alternative end point for animals, please reach out to the AWP to ensure your protocol is up to date with required verbiage and a new adoption form.

## PERSONNEL, RAQ, AND MAKING UPDATES IN RLSS USER DASHBOARD

When you submit a personnel request to the AWP office, our staff will add the personnel to your RLSS Approval as part of the process. There is no longer a need add them yourself. When the AWP adds new personnel to the PI's RLSS approval, it will trigger the personnel to take the appropriate actions.

Please note that any other updates made in the RLSS User Dashboard do not transfer to your IACUC protocol. If you have rooms or personnel to add to your IACUC protocol, please reach out to us in the AWP office and we will be happy to help.

## CONTACT US

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**AWP New Open Office Hours (Starting in August):**

**In Person:** 1st Monday of the Month, 1:30 – 3:30pm at the Medical Research Building (MRB) Rm 108

**Via Zoom**: Every Thursday, 10:00 – 11:00am (Link on website)

Or by appointment