Facility Inspections Underway

Thank you, one and all, for your assistance with the latest round of facility inspections!

Policy Focus: Humane Endpoints

This policy provides guidelines to ensure that animal pain, distress, and suffering is minimized.

The policy includes a list of endpoint criteria, which indicate a moribund or morbid state. Animals exhibiting any one of the symptoms should be removed from the study, unless an exception has been approved by the IACUC.

If you have any questions about an animal’s health or well-being, please contact the veterinary staff right away.

Review the policy online here: Humane Endpoints

Policy Change Alert! Photo Policy

The IACUC policy regarding the photo and video recording of animals has been eliminated.

If you will photograph, videotape, or otherwise record live vertebrate animals as part of your experiments, this activity is required to be described in your approved IACUC protocol.

New Policy Alert! Pilot Studies

A new IACUC policy regarding pilot studies has been approved.

The policy includes details about how pilot results should be reported back to the IACUC.

Read the new policy online: Pilot Studies

Compliance Corner

There are many methods of euthanasia which are appropriate in different circumstances. You should review the protocol(s) you are working on and ensure that any method you use is listed on the approved protocol.

Remember:
When euthanizing animals with an inhaled gas, such as CO₂ or isoflurane, you must also use a secondary physical method of euthanasia.