AVMA Euthanasia Guidelines (2013)

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) has released the AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals: 2013 Edition.

The new Guidelines and the executive summary can be accessed on the AVMA site at: https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Euthanasia-Guidelines.aspx.

How Will the New Guidelines Affect Me?

The changes in the updated Guidelines will affect rodent users and fish users. A new agent has been approved for fish. Rodent users will need to use flow gauges with CO₂. The BU ASC will be providing flow gauges at a substantial discount (while they last) and the training to use them.

AALAS Training: New AVMA Euthanasia Guidelines

The AALAS Learning Library (ALL) has created a training course built around the new Guidelines. To access the course, login to the ALL directly or through RIMS. The course is under US Mandates and Guidelines.

To access through RIMS, first login to your RIMS account (www.bu.edu/rims). Next, scroll down to IACUC Refresher. If you are a returning user, select “Take the Course” to be transported to the ALL. If a new user, you will first need to select “REGISTER.”

How Will the New Guidelines Affect My Grants?

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) have announced that grant submissions will need to comply with the new Guidelines beginning September 1, 2013, NOT-OD-13-098.

Compliance Corner

Personnel must only perform those activities which they are listed as performing as described in the approved version of the protocol.

REMEMBER:
Handling animals includes touching animals, handling cages or other equipment containing live animals, and manipulating the food or water.