



# IACUC Newsletter

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<http://orrrp.osu.edu/iacuc/index.cfm>

### **IACUC Forms:**

<http://orrrp.osu.edu/iacuc/forms/>

### **Office of Responsible Research Practices:**

<http://orrrp.osu.edu/>

### **University Laboratory Animal Resources:**

<http://ular.osu.edu/>

## Remember Your COI Disclosure

As a requirement to participate on an Animal Use Protocol, the Principal Investigator (PI) and all Co-Investigators (Co-I) must have a current OSU Financial Conflict of Interest Screening/Disclosure on file with the Office of Research Compliance (ORC).

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, it became time again to complete the annual Conflict of Interest disclosure. As a PI or Co-I on an Animal Use Protocol, it is important to have this requirement completed. As part of the processing of new protocol submissions and annual review submissions, the IACUC Office will verify the completion of a COI disclosure for the personnel listed. Any PI or Co-I found not to have completed a 2007/2008 COI disclosure will be contacted by the IACUC Office, and the processing of the submission will be delayed until the time that the requirement can be met.



As you may recall, the University's annual Conflict of Interest disclosure process was revised last year to utilize a new electronic Conflict of Interest screening/disclosure form (eCOI) that contains fewer questions and takes less time to complete. The new eCOI application has made the process of submission, verification, and management of potential financial conflicts of interest much simpler and very efficient. The 2007/2008 eCOI disclosure is available on the ORC website at <http://orc.osu.edu/coi/forms.cfm>. A complete listing of all personnel requirements is available at <http://orrrp.osu.edu/iacuc/training/>.

## Importance of Annual IACUC Review

The USDA requires annual IACUC review and approval of Animal Use Protocols (AUP) utilizing most warm blooded vertebrates. To satisfy this federal requirement, the IACUC asks investigators to complete and submit an Annual Review form by the first and second anniversary of the review of an AUP. The IACUC must review these annuals by the same process as protocol and amendment review. Consequently, the Committee would like to re-affirm the importance of submitting annual reviews in a timely manner to ensure that they can be reviewed and approved by the annual review date. Annual Reviews that are not processed by the annual review date will result in termination of the AUP.

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## Animal Training Offered by ULAR

University Laboratory Animal Resources (ULAR) is currently offering specialized training opportunities that go a step beyond what is offered in the mandatory Animal Usage Orientation course. Training available includes such sessions as the IACUC endorsed *Rodent Survival Surgery* training, which is highly recommended for any individual involved in rodent survival surgery, and species specific *Laboratory Animal Handling and Techniques*. These classes are designed to help you perfect your skills thereby improving research outcomes and animal welfare. For more information regarding available ULAR animal use training or to schedule a training session please contact ULAR at [ulartraining@osu.edu](mailto:ulartraining@osu.edu).

## New and Revised IACUC Guidelines

The IACUC has made several valuable resources available to investigators and laboratory personnel in an effort to ensure excellent care for laboratory animals here at OSU. Among these resources are IACUC guidelines, which provide instruction regarding the use of animals in research, testing and teaching. As part of the ongoing effort to ensure that OSU's Animal Care Program is the best that it can be, the IACUC reviewed these published guidelines and earmarked several for revision. This process of revising the IACUC guidelines is well underway. Many guidelines have been updated during the last several months, and others are still in the revision process. The IACUC is also preparing a few new guidelines to address the current needs of our Animal Care Program. A complete list of all the IACUC guidelines can be found on the ORRP website at <http://orrrp.osu.edu/iacuc/osupolicies/>. Please take a moment to review these valuable guidelines as they play an important role in our Animal Care Program. Remember to keep checking in the months to come, as more updates are on the way.

## The New and Improved IACUC Website



As part of a larger update to the Office of Responsible Research Practices (ORRP) website, the "Animal Subjects" section of the ORRP website has been converted into a separate and expanded IACUC website. The updated IACUC website has been enhanced with a new look and improved organization of topics and resources. The many updated features include improved access to IACUC policies and guidelines, an easy to follow breakdown of personnel requirements, a new investigator guidance section, and enhanced organization to the over 30 currently available IACUC frequently asked questions.

We hope that the enhanced website will continue to be a quick and useful resource for those requiring information regarding the care and use of animals at The Ohio State University and that improvements made to the site will provide an easy and efficient means to access the information you need. The updated IACUC Website is available at <http://orrrp.osu.edu/iacuc/>.

