

**New Features of the Animal Care and Use Program for Everyone**

- The IACUC Office has moved to Room 5126 in the Biological Sciences II Building.
- Updated Guideline with respect to (i) preparation and storage of drugs/substances administered to animals and (ii) simplification of approval process to add new drugs/substances for use in experimental animals (approval can now be acquired administratively following consultation with the Campus Attending Veterinarian). Please see the Guideline entitled "[Administration of Experimental Substances to Animals, Including Non-pharmaceutical-grade or Controlled Substances](#)" for details.
- EH&S has a Garmin inReach SE+ handheld satellite communicator that can be loaned to any field researcher entering an area where there is no cellular or data service.

**Important Reminders for Everyone**

- All personnel **MUST** read the appropriate protocol(s) prior to submitting training forms to the Coordinator and prior to conducting any work. This includes the relevant IACUC Guidelines identified in the list towards the back of the protocol. Additionally, all personnel must read all approved Protocol Modifications in a timely manner. This is the only way that everyone can conduct their work in an consistent manner.
- If you or your lab personnel choose to write about your/their use of animals on any website, the IACUC reminds everyone that it would be appropriate to maintain a tone of respect for the animals consistent with the environment that we aim to maintain here at UCSB. Among the most important roles of the IACUC is to ensure that all animals in the Program are treated with the utmost care and respect.
- If you are using animals that are unique/irreplaceable (e.g., some genetically manipulated strains), please contact the ARC to identify these animals so that they will be a high priority to be maintained, protected or relocated in the event of a disaster. You might also consider cryopreservation as an extra safety option.
- Forms and Guidelines are frequently revised because of changes imposed by oversight agencies. Always check the IACUC website for the latest versions to avoid having to re-write your protocol application.

**Important Reminders, especially for Principal Investigators**

- All classes using vertebrate animals should include the [Information for Students Using Vertebrate Animals at UCSB](#) document in their reader/manual. This document has recently been updated.

**Important Reminders, especially for Lab Personnel**

- If you are unsure of the proper way to perform a procedure, ask for assistance from either your PI, an experienced senior lab member or the ARC staff. Do not perform a procedure if you are not confident in your ability to perform it properly.
- All training and animal procedures must be documented. Be meticulous in your recordkeeping, particularly if you are performing surgeries! If you are not sure if something needs to be documented, write it down and ask a senior lab member about it later.
- OHS forms should be in a sealed envelope when being submitted to the IACUC.