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Important News/Reminders for Principal Investigators and Lab Personnel

- As of January 18, 2019, the IACUC Office will be relocated to the Life Sciences Building, Room 2311
- Keeping track of your Animal Usage Numbers:
  - PIs are responsible for continuously tracking the use of ALL animals used on their IACUC protocols. Every January 30th, the IACUC must submit a report to AAALAC stating how many animals were used by UCSB researchers during the previous year.
  - For PIs conducting field research, it is strongly recommended that you ensure that the animal numbers in your IACUC protocol(s) are congruent with those in your collection permits from state or federal agencies (e.g., CDFW, USFWS). Please copy the IACUC Office when sending CDFW Mandatory Wildlife Reports. This will allow the IACUC to keep better track of the number of animals used in the field.
- Updated IACUC Guidelines
  1. Training Requirements for Protocol Personnel – Updating and clarifying requirements for personnel to become cleared for working with animals.
  2. Rodent Breeding – Adding guidance for when rodents used for breeding should be replaced.
  3. (NEW) Maintenance of Equipment Used for Decapitation – Guidance for PIs that have decapitation or a physical method of euthanasia in their protocols, specifically, the need for labs to keep a maintenance log for relevant instrumentation.
- The Occupational Health and Safety Evaluation form and the Researcher Training Checklist have both been updated. Please ensure that you and members of your lab are always using the most recent versions, which can be found in the Forms section of the IACUC website.
- University of California Field Operations Safety Manual is now available online. All field researchers are encouraged to review this manual before beginning field work.
- Beginning October 1, 2018, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will be allowing researchers to apply for their permits and submit their reports online.
- 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.
- ORAMS – The Office of Research Animal Management System is a new electronic protocol and personnel database system the IACUC anticipates implementing in 2019. Among other features, this program will allow PIs to submit and edit protocols, track animal numbers, and document personnel training online. Upon rollout, the IACUC will assist PIs in updating active protocols to the current version of the form.
- IACUC Record Retention Schedule
  - According to UCOP, the IACUC is required to retain protocols and associated documents for a minimum of 3 years after expiration. Following this retention period, the IACUC destroys all documents associated with a protocol.

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https://www.research.ucsb.edu/compliance/animal-subjects/resources/ucsb-iacucnewsletter