

ACUC Oversight of Animal Activities in Mandated and Non-mandated Areas

1. The following areas **must** be inspected semiannually by at least two members of the ACUC:
 - a. Animal facilities managed by that IC
 - b. Satellite facilities (animals held > 24 hours) approved by that IC ACUC
 - c. Study areas (animals held > 12 hours) approved by that IC ACUC
 - d. Laboratories or animal activity areas where "...experiments inclusive of surgical manipulation." are performed.
2. At least two members of the ACUC of each IC housing animals in Shared or Central Animal Facilities shall review the animals and the animal activities of its investigators in those facilities at least semiannually.
3. Remaining IC animal activity areas (laboratories, imaging areas, etc.)
 - a. At least one member of the ACUC (an agent of the ACUC) should visit those remaining areas at least annually
 - b. Examples of activities, if applicable, that can be assessed:
 - i. Is appropriate equipment available to perform euthanasia?
 - (1) Is CO₂ and a chamber available?
 - (2) If a guillotine is present, has it been maintained properly?
 - ii. If present, is CO₂ tank(s) properly secured?
 - iii. Is appropriate scavenging equipment available?
 - iv. Are animal activity chambers/enclosures kept properly sanitized?
 - v. Are controlled substances in-date, properly stored, and accounted for?
 - vi. Are sharps management practices appropriate?
 - vii. Is appropriate signage posted at area entry?
 - viii. Is appropriate PPE available for species/activities present in the area?
 - ix. Are workers at potential risk due to animal exposure enrolled in AESP?
 - x. Is there a copy of the ASP(s) active in that lab posted or available nearby?
 - xi. Are personnel performing animal activities conversant with content of ASP(s)?
 - xii. Is SOP on file describing receipt and disposition of animals and transport containers?
 - c. Findings are to be reported to the ACUC and corrective actions, including both plans and schedules, are to be reflected in the ACUC's next semiannual report. The correction of those findings shall be tracked just as deficiencies identified during semiannual reviews.