



## Use of Privately-Owned Animals - Policy

A principal investigator proposing the use of privately-owned animals for a project must submit a protocol with the associated Owner Consent Form (OCF) supplement to the IACUC. The protocol and OCF must be approved, and the related informed consent from the owner must be secured before the start of described activities.

Such protocol and OCF proposals submitted to the IACUC are initially routed to the affiliated college/department head (or designee) for approval, then processed for IACUC committee review. The IACUC can withhold approval of activities if any proposed off-campus location(s) and facilities are deemed unsuitable for the proposed activities.

Issues addressed in the approved documents are to include animal health and welfare conditions, as appropriate:

- Injured or ill animals must receive timely, appropriate, and documented treatment/care. Arrangements for providing care should be listed and detailed in the protocol and OCF.
- Animals must have documentation of a preventive health program, as evidenced by current vaccination and/or testing records, as appropriate.
- Adequate food and housing for the animals must be available if in residence and at a minimum, must conform to current, applicable IACUC requirements.
- Appropriate restraint must be used, as appropriate, to minimize potential injuries to themselves, project personnel, students, and/or other animals.
- Responsibility for costs incurred as a result of adverse events must be clearly described in OCF, as well as any payment offered for participation.