The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

POLICY STATEMENT

Reports

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and the Laboratory Animal Facilities compile information used to generate numerous reports. These include:

**Institutional Official**

The IACUC generates reports following each semi-annual program review and facility inspection. The reports are signed by members of the IACUC and forwarded to the Institutional Official for review. Specific findings of the review, especially deficiencies, are noted with a date for completion.

**United States Department of Agriculture**

Annual Reports to the USDA cover animals used in research for the periods of October 1 through September 30. All vertebrate animals, excluding rats, mice, and birds are included in this report. The report uses APHIS form #7023 and categorizes animals according to the degree of pain and/or distress that the animal may experience. The LAF generates this report and is due December 1.

As well, triennially, the LAF generates a written report entitled, “Animal Care” (Program of Veterinary Care for Research Facilities). This report is prompted by the USDA and is completed in the Spring.

**Office for Laboratory Animal Welfare**

OLAW (formerly OPRR) operates through the Department of Health and Human Services and pertains to institutions receiving Public Health Service monies. The institution maintains an Assurance Statement with OLAW, signifying adherence to the provisions of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*. The IACUC prepares the annual report for OLAW each January.

**Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International**

AAALAC International is an independent accreditation agency for laboratory animal care programs. AAALAC encompasses the programs and provisions found in the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, the *Animal Welfare Act*, pertinent occupational health and safety programs, requirements of the DEA, and other applicable agencies.
AAALAC conducts triennial site visits to review programs and inspect facilities. Additionally, annual reports are submitted in mid-July covering the period of July 1 through June 30. The LAF completes both program descriptions and annual reports.

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