

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), APHIS form #7011.

Office for Laboratory Animal Welfare

The Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals ([Policy](#)), section [IV.F.1.,2., and 4.](#), requires that at least once every 12 months the IACUC, through the Institutional Official (IO), must report to OLAW. The reporting period is for a calendar year (January 1-December 31) and must be submitted by January 31. Institutions that receive PHS funding to conduct research are required to have an Animal Welfare Assurance. The institution maintains an Assurance Statement with OLAW to signify adherence to the provisions of the Guide for the Care and use of Laboratory Animals.

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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