IACUC Policy

1. Background

To help assure compliance with the Animal Welfare Regulations¹ and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approved protocol, all researchers and relevant staff need to have access to the IACUC-approved protocol during the conduct of the research, teaching, or testing.

2. Policy

On inspections, IACUC members may ask principal investigators, facility managers, or the research team to verify that employees and research team members have access to the IACUC-approved protocols.

The IACUC has developed the following list of facilities where the approved protocol should be maintained in a central and consistent location, accessible by all individuals working on the project:

- **Laboratory Animal Facilities (LAR):** Protocols will be maintained on a computer accessible by all LAR animal care staff.
- **ISU Farms:** Access to protocols varies by farm. Protocols are either posted or kept in a binder, or they are maintained on a computer.
- **Principal Investigator Laboratories:** Protocols should be provided to each employee as a paper copy, or placed on a computer that is accessible to all employees working on the project, or provided in a laboratory notebook.
- **Special Events and Teaching in Animal Science Locations Not Managed by LAR:** A sign will be posted indicating that copies of approved protocols may be obtained by contacting the IACUC Administrator.

3. References and Regulations

1. United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Welfare Act Regulations, 9 CFR.

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