1. Background

Collaborative research is encouraged and an important part of animal research at Iowa State University (ISU). This policy outlines how the review of animal care and use protocols will be shared and reviewed between collaborating research facilities.

*Research facility* means any school (except an elementary or secondary school), institution, organization, or person that uses or intends to use live animals in research, tests, or experiments, and that (1) purchases or transports live animals in commerce, or (2) receives funds under a grant, award, loan, or contract from a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States for the purpose of carrying out research, tests, or experiments.

2. Policy

RESEARCH AT FACILITIES WITH FEDERAL OVERSIGHT

When all animal housing and use by Iowa State University personnel is conducted at another research facility, the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) may recognize the animal care and compliance oversight provided by that facility’s IACUC or equivalent body if the facility falls into one of the following categories:

- AAALAC-accredited research facility
- Public Health Service (PHS)-approved research facility
- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-registered facility.

RESEARCH AT FACILITIES WITH NO FEDERAL OVERSIGHT

If the research facility does not meet one of three accreditation or registration requirements, and ISU owns the animals, the ISU IACUC may approve the oversight of research facility near ISU (e.g. when it is possible to monitor and inspect the facilities) when adequate justification is provided and approved by the IACUC.

If Iowa State University personnel are participating in the capacity of Principal Investigator or hold supporting grants, then the IACUC will require either verified oversight by the other research facility or will oversee activities directly.

For verified oversight the IACUC should receive the following information **prior** to the initiation of animal research:

- Copies of the approved protocol, including any revisions made to the original protocol, the date of approval, and the ending date of approval.
• A copy of the IACUC approval letter.
• Annually: verification of continued approval and copies of any amendments which may have been approved during the year.
• Triennially: copies of the approved, continuing protocol and revisions.
• As occurs: notification of adverse events related to the animals or reports written to USDA, PHS, Federal Drug Administration (FDA), AAALAC, or any other organization or government body related to the conduct of the animal research.

The IACUC Administrator will provide these documents to the IACUC Chair and Attending Veterinarian for their review.

Instances where the participation of Iowa State University personnel in the project is in a capacity other than as the Principal Investigator, and if any supporting grant(s) are not held by university personnel, the IACUC will accept oversight by the other facility without formal verification.

3. References and Regulations
   • Animal Welfare Regulations, 9 CFR 1.1

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