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AACUP Web Site

The AACUP web site is up! Please visit us at www.aacup.uiuc.edu. Let us know your suggestions. We want this site to be a valuable resource for training modules, animal health information and the latest updates on regulations and policies.

What Is AACUP?

The Agricultural Animal Care and Use Program (AACUP) assures the health and well-being of agricultural animals used for research and teaching at UIUC. AACUP provides training, technical assistance, and consultation to help animal users comply with laws, regulations and policies.

Who Needs AACUP?

The following animal units are served by the AACUP: The dairy, horse, beef, sheep, poultry, and swine units at the College of ACES South Farms, large animal clinic (LAC), surgery and obstetrics lab (SOL), Veterinary Medicine Research Farm (VMRF), Orr Beef Research Center, and Dixon Springs Agricultural Center.

AACUP veterinarians and staff monitor animal health and husbandry and can assist faculty, staff, and students with animal use protocols, animal procedures, and proper animal procurement and disposition.

AAALAC Accreditation

The UIUC animal care and use program recently received notice that we are once again fully accredited by AAALAC, International. We are proud to be part of an organization that meets the high standards needed to sustain this accreditation. Thank you to all who helped achieve this goal.

Forms and More Forms

Attention PIs! The AACUP is here to facilitate your research and teaching even though that means more forms. We have compiled a checklist of things to remember when you are preparing for a trial. There are separate **PI Checklists** for LAC, VMRF and SOL facilities and the ACES South Farms. When our office is notified that your protocol has been approved, we will send you a checklist for your assistance. You do not need to return the checklist to us. It is simply for your assistance.

The AACUP has tailored a **Surgery Report** to better fit the needs of the PIs utilizing agricultural animals. If your protocol involves surgery at any of the units served by the AACUP, you are required to complete the surgery report and submit a copy to the AACUP office at the completion of the trial. This form replaces the DAR Surgery Report. We have gathered advice from PIs, but the report can always be improved. Agricultural animals housed at ERML will continue to use the DAR Surgery Report.

If you will be working with animals in VMRF, LAC or SOL, you will need to submit an AACUP **Animal Requisition Form** at least 3 days prior to the date needed. When animal usage is complete, a **Disposition Form** must be submitted to our office. These electronic forms replace the former hand-written ones and no longer require the Department Head's signature.

You may find these forms on our website at www.aacup.uiuc.edu. Hard copies of all AACUP forms may be obtained by calling our office at 265-6790 or emailing aacup@cvm.uiuc.edu. If you need assistance completing the forms, please feel free to contact our office. You may submit the forms electronically to aacup@cvm.uiuc.edu or to Cindy Pruitt, Mail Code 004.