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At Your Service

Linda Brown is a Certified Veterinary Technician and an available resource in the AACUP. With 16+ years of service in the diagnostic pathology laboratory and in research laboratories, Linda has a wide range of experience with animals used in research and teaching. Most recently, Linda attended a training workshop on techniques used in swine in biomedical research. She assists the Attending Veterinarian for Agricultural Animals at UIUC and the team of Species Specialist Veterinarians who oversee the health care for University-owned agricultural animals. Linda is available to help faculty, staff and students with animal restraint, physical examinations, sample collection, monitoring of anesthesia, and preparation of animals for surgery or other procedures. She is also available to assist P.I.s in researching and developing new techniques and procedures for their IACUC protocols. Linda is available to train animal users, such as graduate students, in a growing number of skills and plans to continue to increase her own repertoire of skills. If you are planning a research or teaching project, give Linda a call at 265-6771 or email her at l-brown6@uiuc.edu. Linda's services are a courtesy provided through the AACUP. She would be happy to assist you.



IACUC Inspections Are Coming Soon

The IACUC assesses animal housing and support areas to confirm that:

- Drugs are within their expiration dates
- The primary housing is safe and secure

- Animal food is protected from contamination
- Vermin control is effective
- Record keeping practices are appropriate

Minor versus Major Protocol Amendments

All proposed changes to IACUC-approved animal care and use protocols must be reviewed by the IACUC before they are implemented. Some changes are minor and can be submitted using the one page form found on the IACUC website (www.iacuc.uiuc.edu). These minor amendments may be approved within 1 or 2 days. Minor amendments include changes in project or course personnel; addition of new strains or breeds of animals; changes in animal housing location; addition of animals if $\leq 10\%$ of the number originally approved; the timing, dosage, or route of administration of a drug. Changes that are classified as major amendments include transferring the approved protocol to a different P.I.; adding a new procedure; adding a new species of animal; changing the surgical approach; or introducing a new treatment. Major amendments must be integrated into the electronic file of the IACUC-approved protocol. If you have any questions, contact the IACUC office or call the AACUP and we can help you get the information you need.

Carcass Disposition Form

If your animal use protocol involves incineration of animal carcasses *as well as* disposal of animals by any other means (rendering, sale, return to herd, etc), you must complete the Carcass Disposition Form, which is available on the AACUP website (www.aacup.uiuc.edu). This 1-page form describes how animals to be incinerated will be marked in order to ensure proper disposition. The IACUC now requires AACUP approval of the Carcass Disposition Plan before the IACUC protocol is approved.