

Reporting Concerns About Animal Care and Use

The IU School of Medicine Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) intends for all aspects of animal care and use in research, teaching and testing to fully comply with applicable Federal animal welfare policies and regulations, and with the standards of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*. The IU School of Medicine IACUC is responsible for monitoring all IU SOM animal care and use activities for compliance with Federal mandates and standards, and with protocols and procedures approved by the IACUC for animal care and use. In addition, the University maintains accreditation by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, a external peer review process that helps assure adherence to high standards.

The investigation of concerns about animal care and use is an important function of the IACUC in assuring compliance with standards. IU and the IACUC encourage reporting of concerns. It is IU's policy to prohibit discrimination or reprisal against anyone for reporting violations of standards or deviations from policies or approved protocols and procedures for animal care and use. If you should choose to report, your identity will be protected.

Procedure for Reporting Concerns:

The IU IACUC investigates all concerns regarding the care, treatment, and use of animals for research at the university. Reports can be made through the IACUC e-mail, somiacuc@iupui.edu or reporting concerns to the following. Or you can call the ORA anonymous reporting hotline to report anonymously 1-888-236-7542.

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If you feel comfortable reporting the concern in writing, please do so, as all details are important to ensure the IACUC performs a thorough investigation. If possible, indicate, times, dates, place and procedures of concern. The more specific information provided, the more effective is the IACUC evaluations. Reports can be made to any member of the IACUC.

Concern about Facility Issues:

If you have any concerns about a facility issue (hot animal rooms, floods, etc.) after 5 pm, on weekends, or holidays please call Campus Facilities Services at 278-1900 and report the problem immediately. It is very important that emergency repairs are started as soon as possible. Additionally page the LARC emergency on-call manager at 317-541-7418 or call 317-220-2105. If you don't reach someone at either of these numbers, please call the on-call Veterinarian at 317-274-0543 or 317-220-1076. It is very important that someone in LARC is notified of any building system emergencies after hours so that appropriate actions can be taken to protect the welfare of any affected animals.