

<p><b>PROGRAM REVIEW</b></p>	<p>The IACUC must review and evaluate the research facility's program for humane care and use of animals at least once every 6 months. [2.31, Policy #29]</p>
<p><b>Method</b></p>	<p>The IACUC is responsible for determining the best method for conducting the review of the humane care and use program. [2.31(c)(3)]</p> <p>The IACUC may: [2.31(c)(3)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• conduct a full committee review</li> <li>• appoint a subcommittee of at least two members to conduct the review. Note: NO IACUC member wishing to participate in the review may be excluded.</li> <li>• may invite an <i>ad hoc</i> consultant(s) to assist with the program review</li> </ul> <p>The IACUC may adopt the AAALAC International Program Assessment report as its semi-annual program review if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the report complies with Section 2.31(c)</li> <li>• at least 2 members of the IACUC participated in the evaluation</li> <li>• no IACUC member wishing to participate was excluded</li> <li>• the report was signed by a majority of IACUC members</li> <li>• the report included any minority views</li> </ul>
<p><b>Criteria</b></p>	<p>The review of the program of humane care and use must be based on the AWA regulations and standards (title 9, chapter I, subchapter A - Animal Welfare). [2.31(c)(1), Policy #29]</p> <p>Additional resources which may be used include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals" published by the Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources, 1996 Edition</li> <li>• "Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Agricultural Research and Teaching" published by the Federation of Animal Science Societies, 1999 Edition</li> </ul>

Areas which should be addressed in the program of humane care and use include, but are not limited to:

- IACUC functions, such as:
  - ▶ required meetings
  - ▶ attendance at meetings, especially non-affiliated member
  - ▶ dissemination of protocols to members
  - ▶ review of humane care and use program
  - ▶ review of standard operating procedures (SOPs)
  - ▶ protocol review
  - ▶ suspended activities
  - ▶ complaint review
  - ▶ recommendations to the Institutional Official
  - ▶ reports to the Institutional Official
  - ▶ IACUC meeting minutes
  - ▶ IACUC records
- IACUC-approved departures/exceptions/exemptions, such as:
  - ▶ food/water deprivation or restriction
  - ▶ exemptions from the exercise plan for dogs
  - ▶ exemptions from the environmental enhancement plan for nonhuman primates
  - ▶ use of an animal in more than one major survival surgery
  - ▶ maintaining animals at temperatures outside the ranges specified by the standards
  - ▶ exceptions to the cleaning or sanitation requirements
  - ▶ exceptions to the diurnal lighting cycle requirement
  - ▶ exceptions to the space requirement (including innovative enclosures and metabolism cages)
- animal care, such as:
  - ▶ housing
  - ▶ environment
  - ▶ environmental enrichment for nonhuman primates
  - ▶ exercise for dogs
  - ▶ food/water
  - ▶ cleaning/sanitation

- veterinary care, such as:
  - ▶ emergency, weekend, and holiday care
  - ▶ anesthesia and surgery
  - ▶ pre/post-procedural care
  - ▶ pain/distress management
  - ▶ euthanasia
- identification
- records
- personnel issues, such as:
  - ▶ qualifications
  - ▶ training

The findings of the program review must be included in a report to the Institutional Official. [2.31(c)(3)]

