

**VETERINARY  
SCHOOLS &  
VETERINARY  
TECHNOLOGY  
PROGRAMS**

Any veterinary school and veterinary technician training program using regulated animals for regulated teaching activities must meet all the applicable regulations and standards.

**Animals**

*Regulated Animals*

Regulated animals used at a veterinary school or veterinary technology program fall under the AWA regulations and standards if the animals are:

- owned by the veterinary school, veterinary technology program or other department within the school/program
- owned by another entity, such as a pound or shelter, but are housed at the veterinary school or veterinary technology program's facility to eventually be returned to the entity or adopted out
- used to teach anything other than agricultural techniques, procedures, husbandry, etc.
- used for teaching in a non-school setting, such as trauma courses at a local hospital

*Non-Regulated Animals*

Regulated animals used at a veterinary school or veterinary technology program do NOT fall under the AWA regulations and standards if the animals are:

- client-owned
- receiving medical care in a clinic setting
- owned by another department at the school/program but are being used to teach students as part of medical care being provided to the animal
- used to teach the agricultural sciences
- owned by an individual or organization, such as, a farm, ranch or animal shelter, and the students go to the facility to learn certain routine veterinary care procedures

If you are unsure if an animal(s) should be inspected, contact your SACS.

**Sites or Locations**

*Regulated Sites/Locations*

Regulated sites/locations in a veterinary school or veterinary technology program's facility which need to be inspected by you and the IACUC include, but are not limited to:

- all facilities within the school/program housing regulated animals used for teaching or research
- off sites/locations, such as farms or ranches, housing regulated animals owned by the veterinary school or veterinary technology program

*Non-Regulated Sites/Locations*

Sites/locations in a veterinary school or veterinary technology program's facility which do not need to be inspected by you and the IACUC include, but are not limited to:

- facilities within the school/program housing non-regulated species
- facilities within the school/program housing regulated animals used for non-regulated purposes, e.g.:
  - ▶ clinic areas housing client animals
  - ▶ Ag School barns with cows/sheep/goats used for teaching agricultural sciences only
- off sites/locations where students go to assist the veterinarian with required medical treatments, e.g., farm calls, pounds/shelters

NOTE: The IACUC may choose to inspect these sites/locations.

If you are unsure if a site/location should be inspected, contact your SACS.

**Protocols**

Protocols are required for any procedures involving the use of regulated animals for teaching purposes.

When reviewing teaching protocols, some areas to pay special attention to include, but are not limited to:

- the justification for the number of animals to be used was appropriate, such as the number of students per animal and procedures needed to be learned

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a consideration of alternatives was conducted, such as, the use of:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ veterinary mannequins</li><li>▶ live tissue alternatives</li><li>▶ mechanical teaching devices</li></ul></li><li>• there is a complete description of the procedures to be used</li><li>• the number of procedures to be performed on each animal is clearly stated, such as, injections per animal</li><li>• the personnel doing the teaching are qualified and properly trained</li><li>• if the teaching procedures cause more than momentary pain or distress, proper methods are used to alleviate the pain/distress</li></ul>
<b>Holding Periods</b>	<p>Dogs and cats obtained from dealers, exhibitors or other exempt sources do not have to be held for 5 days prior to their use.</p> <p>Exempt sources include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• individuals selling less than 25 dogs/cats born and raised on their premises per year for teaching or research purposes</li><li>• pounds/shelters allowing the school/program to use their dogs/cats but they:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ retain ownership of the animals, and</li><li>▶ have met all of their holding requirements</li></ul></li><li>• private individuals donating their dog/cat</li></ul>

