Washington State University

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

Notice Regarding Changes to the IACUC Training Program

Beginning March 2013, WSU IACUC will require all individuals involved in research with live, vertebrate animals to follow the revised training scheme listed below. This training is in response to the enhanced requirements for protection of individuals working with live vertebrate animals as indicated in The Guide (8th Edition), the guidelines provided by the AAALAC, and WSU policies and commitment to provide safe working environment.

All personnel coming in contact with live vertebrate animals:
The personnel should complete Animal Awareness Seminar (AAS) and Animal Contact Program (ACP). Please note, the Animal Contact Program will be reviewed every 3-years to accommodate any change in health status, species of animals working with, and reflect the updated needs of the individuals. IACUC Office will send periodic reminders regarding ACP status and reminders. For details regarding other required training, please read:
http://www.iacuc.wsu.edu/training.asp

All new PIs:
New PIs should undertake AAS and ACP. Please note, the ACP will be reviewed every 3-years to accommodate any change in health status, species of animals working with, and reflect the updated needs of the individuals. Species specific training is provided via CITI and new PI orientation should be completed. Details can be found here:
http://www.iacuc.wsu.edu/training.asp

All new staff/ students:
All new staff and students listed on research protocols are strongly encouraged to receive training for the procedures they will perform on live vertebrate animals. The training is set in two stages-

- CITI training for species specific knowledge and
- Hands-on training for the specific procedures.

The CITI training is free and available online. All hands-on training will be provided by staff at Office of Campus Vet. The training is provided at no cost to the individual or the PI. Completion of Animal Awareness Seminar and ACP are also required. In addition to these, depending upon the responsibilities of the staff, additional IACUC training may be required for managing animal numbers. Please contact IACUC Coordinator to schedule one. The webpage provides more information: http://www.iacuc.wsu.edu/new_training.asp

Please note that all mandatory training should be completed BEFORE a person can be added to a research protocol or participates in work with live, vertebrate animals in WSU. The requirement remains the same for Pullman campus, outlying campus, and satellite facilities housing WSU animals.

If you have any questions, concerns, please contact IACUC coordinator listed at the bottom of the page.