



Dartmouth College

Animal Care and Use Program

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

IACUC Policies and Procedures

Title: Satellites

Purpose: Campus practices in the housing and care of animals shall conform to the Animal Welfare Act, the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, and the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. Animals shall be housed only in facilities that meet the requirements of these regulations.

The IACUC at Dartmouth has the authority to approve the use of a “Satellite Facility” for a protocol, which requests the use of specific animals that are not ordinarily housed by the Animal Resources Center (ARC), or which will need animals outside of the ARC due to the nature of the research study. The definition of a Satellite Facility shall be the following: Housing USDA covered species outside of the ARC for greater than 12 hours, or non-USDA covered species greater than 24 hours.

No satellite facility shall be developed or maintained without the approval of the IACUC.

This adoption of this policy will affect all Satellite Facilities approved or renewed after March 1, 2004.

Policy: The Principal Investigator of a study assumes all responsibility for the health, husbandry, and environment for an animal while in a satellite facility. In order to ensure that all regulations are being followed, the IACUC requires satellite facilities to maintain a log of daily husbandry checks. This log should include such information as date and time of check, who performed the check, and any action that was performed (cage cleaning, feeding, health check, etc). A sample of this log may be found on the website under “<http://www.dartmouth.edu/dms/arc/iacuc/forms>”. This form should be used. Copies of these records should be available for IACUC review or a member of the ARC staff at any time.

The frequency of the checks and husbandry should be consistent with the IACUC approved protocol and the Satellite Housing Form. Animals must be checked on a daily basis, unless an alternate justification is received and approved by the IACUC.

Any exceptions to this policy must have IACUC approval.