

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

**Housing of Research and Teaching
Animals in Non-ISU Facilities**

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to specify the circumstances in which animals involved in research, teaching, and testing may be housed in locations outside of Iowa State University property.

Policy Statement

All research, teaching, and testing activities involving animals for which ISU personnel participating in the project are Principal Investigators or hold the supporting grant(s) and require housing of animals for more than 12 hours, must be conducted in Iowa State University-owned and IACUC-approved facilities or farms, unless adequate justification is provided and a waiver is granted by the IACUC. Buildings at the ISU Research Park are considered approved facilities for conducting research and teaching and ISU-sanctioned programs involving animals.

Justification

Justification submitted with a request for alternate housing must document why the study could not be feasibly conducted without the waiver. Examples of appropriate justification include: ISU facilities do not allow appropriate biosafety containment levels (i.e., BSL4); the goal of the study requires replication of the industry setting; ISU does not have sufficient animal numbers to conduct the research; or concerns of timeliness.

Inspection

In general, alternate housing, including animal study areas, must be inspected by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) when: 1) USDA covered species and/or animals purchased with PHS funding are involved; 2) animals will be held for more than 12 hours; and 3) ISU owns the animals. Exclusions may include instances where the animals are purchased for slaughter or the IACUC has deferred oversight to another entity according to the policy on "External Protocol Review." The IACUC will inspect the facilities at least once every six months for ongoing studies. IACUC inspections may also include review of the veterinary care, housing, and management program for the animals.

Additional Review

The Institution has the authority to require further review and additional approval of an activity before it may be conducted. Even though IACUC approval of a proposed activity may be subject to further review by the institution, the decision of the IACUC to disapprove or withhold approval for a specific animal care and use activity cannot be overruled by other entities or administrative units at the Institution.

Resources

[Animal Welfare Act](#)

[Continuing Review and/or Modification Form](#)

[External Protocol Review Policy](#)

[Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee](#)

[Institutional Animal Care and Use Procedures and Protocols](#)

[ISU Research Policies](#)

[Office of Research Ethics](#)

[Protocol Review Form \(PRF\)](#)

[Public Health Service Act](#)