

**TITLE: IACUC POLICY ON SATELLITE ANIMAL FACILITIES**

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

In the United States, research facilities requiring the use of animals must conform to the Guide to be accredited by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC). The environment within the facility must provide for the health, safety, comfort, and well-being of the animals and staff. Animals are not allowed to be housed in laboratories or spaces other than approved animal housing facilities for longer than 24 hours unless the area is established as a satellite animal housing facility by the IACUC. Establishing a satellite animal housing facility may require short-term design modifications that facilitate monitoring the local-environment.

**REVIEW/REVISIONS:**

Permanent amendment/revisions to this policy must be presented to the IACUC for review before implementation and should be developed by the IACUC membership and/or University Animal Care Management personnel. This policy may also be revised to reflect regulatory changes in requirements.

**Effective date:** April, 1990; **Revision/Re-Approved:** 12/7/00, November 2, 2006

**PURPOSE:** Standardize requirements for satellite facilities authorization.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE:** IACUC, University Animal Care, and Research groups monitoring/using satellite facilities.

**POLICY:**

The use of satellite animal facilities at the University of Arizona must adhere to the following:

1. Use of a satellite animal facility will be allowed only when there is either inadequate animal holding space within University Animal Care (UAC) facilities or if there is a demonstrated need to house animals immediately adjacent to research laboratories when research space near UAC facilities is not available. Obtaining laboratory space adjacent or convenient to animal housing areas is the responsibility of the investigator. Satellite facility use is considered a temporary measure which will be terminated within a period of 6 months following the time adequate UAC animal housing and research space becomes available.
2. A UAC veterinarian who is knowledgeable concerning the needs of animals and current animal welfare laws and regulations must be involved early in the building or renovation of a satellite animal facility. He/she must approve, in writing to the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), the renovation or construction plans.
3. A satellite facility must have all functional and support spaces required for optimum animal care and use including quarantine facilities; cage sanitation equipment; storage areas for food, bedding, and wastes; personnel hygiene facilities and an animal treatment area. If surgery is planned, appropriate space and equipment must be provided.
4. The IACUC will review the plans and needs for a satellite animal facility and render final approval or disapproval.

5. UAC personnel will provide animal care and management of a satellite animal facility on a perdiem recharge system.
6. Because of increased efforts and costs involved in servicing a satellite animal facility, either increased perdiem rates or specific cost recovery charges will be negotiated with UAC.
7. The animal care and use program conducted in a satellite animal facility will be overseen by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and must adhere to its policies and review procedures.
8. If a satellite facility is part of the University (if the animals are owned by the University) or if the facility is shared by both university and non-university users, it must be part of the AAALAC accreditation program. It will be the responsibility of the satellite users to maintain the facility in an accreditable condition.
9. Adequate security measures for the facility must be developed and implemented in conjunction with university security personnel.

**PROVISO:**

If the items in this policy are not followed, use of a satellite animals facility will be subject to immediate termination.

**DOCUMENTATION:**

Location and use of a satellite facility must be justified and documented in applicable protocols. Inspection forms for the satellite facility will be on file with the semi-annual inspection reports.