



New Notice from OLAW

A new Notice, entitled Guidance Addressing the NIH Policy on Allowable Costs for Grant Activities Involving Animals When Terms and Conditions are Not Upheld, has been published in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts as Notice Number NOT-OD-07-044

(<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-044.html>)

This is a joint Notice from the Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration (OPERA) and Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW). This NIH Guide Notice reiterates long-standing grants policy that award terms and conditions concerning animals must be met in order for costs to be charged to grant awards. The Notice specifies that charges for animal activities are not allowable in the absence of a valid Assurance or in the absence of valid IACUC approval. NIH funding components are provided flexibility to allow expenditure of funds for maintenance and care of animals on a case-by-case basis. The NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts is the official publication for NIH medical and behavioral research grant policies, guidelines and funding opportunities.

Questions concerning this Notice should be directed to:

Office of Policy for Extramural Research
Administration
National Institutes of Health
Telephone: 301-435-0938
Email: grantspolicy@od.nih.gov

Questions about Assurances or IACUC approval of animal activities should be directed to:

Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
Division of Assurances
National Institutes of Health
Telephone: 301-496-7163
Email: olawdoa@mail.nih.gov

Spring 2007 IACUC Inspections begin April 2

The IACUC will begin semiannual inspections of all animal facilities on April 2. The PI must make themselves and/or a senior lab member available.

For a detailed list of what the IACUC will be looking for on inspections, please see:
<http://www.iacuc.ufl.edu/inspections.htm>

Important Notes!

There are some common mistakes made when filling out protocol submission forms. Please consider the following when you complete any IACUC forms:

- Use current and properly spelled email addresses and telephone numbers
- Include emergency contact number and email address. This should be an off-campus phone number and a different email address from the PI's
- Include "Other Contact Person"
- If your department is off campus and you do not have a UF PO Box, please include your entire mailing address
- Make sure the title is complete and matches the title of your grant
- When listing animals used, specify the species, Genus, and common name of the animal
- Make sure to list the correct room number used for housing rooms and labs
- On Continuation Forms, question #3: include ALL changes made in the past year; list all people who have been added or deleted, and all changes made through addendums throughout the year
- Double check your animal numbers. Make sure they are accurate throughout the document.