

Use of Animals in Teaching

If your course involves direct contact with live vertebrate animals for the purpose of demonstration or hands on student participation you need to complete an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Protocol for your course. If the animals are from a South Campus Animal Farm (SCAF) a SCAF Teaching Animal Use Form (AUF) is also required. (Aug 2021 – Teaching Animal Use form is coming soon)

When the teaching activity involves using animals (not just observing animals on the farm) as a part of the course whether the activity takes place at MSU or at a private farm/facility a Protocol is required for the course. You must describe the procedures in your Protocol with enough detail that an outside reviewer (possibly with a different species background) can understand what is being done to the animal. To complete an IACUC protocol visit the IACUC website. The SCAF Teaching AUF can be found thru the SCAF website.

It should be understood that the farm's Description and Operating Guidelines (DOGs) and Veterinary Guidelines are in place to document how that individual farm is operated and how animals are cared for at that farm. These documents are not intended to cover all teaching, research, outreach, and testing activities that might take place at the farm. The documents describe the standard or routine procedures that are performed on the farm as an aid and reference for those who would like to use the farm. All research and teaching activities using animals must have an approved form from the IACUC. These documents should be on file with the farm manager before use of the animals for teaching purposes. Farm Managers have the authority to delay activities unless appropriate documentation is completed and approved.

If you need to change your Protocol after it has been approved, you can amend your protocol through the Click website. An amendment is used for a change in personnel, change/addition in currently approved procedure/manipulations, change/addition in drugs/compounds administered, change in duration, frequency, or number of procedures performed on an animal, increase in number of animals, change in species, change in method of euthanasia, or additional items not listed here. Approval is required **before** using the animals for the amended purpose.

If you don't believe you need a Protocol or if your class is strictly observation check to see if your class meets the criteria on the IACUC *Exemption Form*.

If you are still unsure about how to proceed then contact the IACUC for assistance.

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