How do I know if my activity involving animals is regulated?

Federal regulations and Ohio State University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) policies define when an activity requires IACUC review and approval.

For purposes of regulatory oversight, an animal is considered to be any live, vertebrate animal (including fish, snakes, birds, farm animals and wild or domestic mammals) used or intended for use in research, research training, experimentation or biological testing, or for related purposes. This also applies to animals that are sacrificed and procured solely and specifically for research or instructional activities.

Your activity is probably regulated if it includes:

• Biomedical research involving animal models of human or animal diseases
• Field studies requiring animal contact
• Farm animals used to test and produce biologicals for non-agricultural or non-production animals
• Activities that involve any procedure done on privately owned animals that is not medically necessary

For more information, see (IACUC) policies and procedures, posted at orrp.osu.edu/iacuc/osuiacucpolicies.

Do I need approval for my regulated activity involving animals?

Yes. Before you begin your research, testing or teaching involving animals, your protocol must be reviewed and approved by the IACUC.

IACUC Review

The IACUC oversees the responsible use of animals in research and instructional activities, reviews the university’s animal care and use program and monitors animal facilities to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.
Are there any additional requirements?
Before an animal use protocol is reviewed, each individual involved in the research must complete (and update as necessary) the following:
• Animal usage orientation and occupational health and safety training available at orrp.osu.edu/iacuc/study-team-requirements
• Occupational health risk assessment available at rf.osu.edu/secure/ochre
• Conflict of interest disclosure available at orc.osu.edu/regulations-policies/coi/ecoi

How do I get approval for my animal protocol?
• Submit protocols for IACUC review electronically at eprotocol.osu.edu. All protocols receive online veterinary consultation and department review before they are forwarded to the IACUC.

Where can I get assistance?
The Office of Responsible Research Practices (ORRP) is a team of professionals within the Office of Research.
ORRP provides administrative support to the IACUC and is committed to delivering excellent customer service.

Consult the ORRP directory at orrp.osu.edu/contact for specific staff member contact information or visit the ORRP website at orrp.osu.edu.

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