



Title: TTU/TTUHSC Animal Housing

Policy Number: 020

Policy Intent: The purpose of this SOP is to outline the policy between Texas Tech University (TTU) and Texas Tech Health Sciences Center (HSC).

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1. Introduction

The use of vertebrate animals in testing, research, and teaching must, at times, require the need for additional housing facilities, specialized equipment or housing conditions and collaboration at sister institutions, therefore, these activities shall be reviewed and approved by the IACUC at the institution that will house the animals.

2. Housing

The principal investigator (P.I.) shall house his/her animals within his/her home institution (where he/she has their primary appointment) unless the P.I. identifies "special needs" that can be better served at the other institution. The attending veterinarian at the P.I.'s home institution must verify "special needs" in writing. Such verification that the P.I. has been granted permission to submit a protocol to the other institution is to be included with the submission of the protocol. "Special needs" could include such things as:

- A. The home institution is unable to house the animals.
- B. The P.I. of the protocol is collaborating with an investigator at the other institution.
- C. Special facilities required by the project are unavailable at the P.I.'s home institution.

3. Personnel

All personnel involved with the project must meet the training and occupational health requirements of the institution where the animals are housed.

4. IACUC Approval

The respective IACUC's will send each other a copy of approved protocols, which meet the criteria in number 2 above.