IACUC and UML Policy for Photographing Animals

Photography is allowed with prior IACUC approval only. The ORS Manager or designee must be present for all photographs taken. Appropriate handling and restraint methods for the species must be used and procedures described in the protocol. No references to personal or institutional information should be visible in the photograph. Animals should be in clean surroundings, clean cages, or clean pens and water bottles and feeders should be visible in the photograph if applicable. No animals that are ill or have visible lesions or alterations are to be photographed without specific permission from the AV, PI or IACUC Chair. If the purpose is to disseminate research results, then appropriate care should be taken to drape the animal and if possible show only the area of interest in the photograph. Cell phones are restricted from use in the facility to prevent unauthorized photography. Incoming calls may be received outside of the facility.

Use of Animal Images for Non-Research Purposes

The use of photographs, videotapes, or other types of animal images for purposes other than scientific research (e.g., recruiting, website information, documentaries) must be submitted to and approved by the Vice Provost for Research and the Chief Public Affairs Officer as the use of such photographs or images could impact the public reputation of the university. Since the use of images for the purpose of public relations types of activities is outside of the IACUC responsibility of assuring ethical use of animals in research, UML Administration will be responsible to approve these types of activities. Notification of the administrative decision will be sent to the PI and copied to the IACUC Administrator and IACUC Chair.