

## UMKC IACUC POLICY

### Study Area Requirements for Housing outside the Animal Facility

The UMKC IACUC is obligated to provide policies that notify and train personnel concerning the appropriate techniques, equipment, and agents for performing appropriate procedures to ensure humane care and use of laboratory animals.

#### **Policy**

- All animals must be initially received and set up in caging by LARC personnel in the animal facility.
- Area must be temperature controlled and monitored and have appropriate humidification (30-70%).
- Lighting control – a timed 12 hour light/dark cycle
- Adequate ventilation
- Walls, floor, etc. must be easily sanitized – made of nonporous materials
- Storage area for small amounts of covered feed, bedding materials, clean water bottles, sipper tubes
- Study personnel must daily document all health observations, husbandry duties, cage changes, hi/lo temperature and animal census.
- Dirty cages/tops/bedding/water bottles, etc. back to LARC for processing – PI brings back to the HH facility bagged and tagged with PI name, protocol # and room #.
- Euthanasia – In study area as described in protocol or Special Service Request with euthanasia performed at a time arranged with the LARC Vet Tech
- Method for carcass storage and disposal – dependent upon study area location
- Process for notification of veterinary care if needed – signage must be posted in study area with phone and pager numbers for the veterinary technical staff.
- Subject to routine LARC and IACUC inspections

#### **Applicable To:**

All UMKC faculty, staff, employees and students involved in the care or use of animals owned by the UMKC.

#### **Revisions to the Policy:**

This policy is intended to be flexible and readily adaptable to changes in regulatory requirements. It is reviewed as part of the semiannual program reviews to assess whether it is appropriate. It will be changed as experience shows that a certain approach is not effective or suggests a better alternative. The UMKC IACUC has the authority to amend this policy.

**Policy Approval:**

The UMKC Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee has reviewed and approved this policy as attested by the signature of the Committee Chairperson.

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Committee Chairperson

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