

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE POLICY

Use of Satellite Locations for Animal Research

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide standardized requirements for authorizing satellite animal housing facilities. This policy is applicable to all persons responsible for conducting approved animal research, teaching, training, breeding, and related activities, involving live vertebrate animals at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University (SUNY Downstate).

DEFINITIONS

Satellite animal facility: means an animal holding area outside of the Division of Comparative Medicine (DCM) managed animal facility where animals are held for more than 12 continuous hours.

SATELLITE LOCATION

SUNY Downstate prohibits the housing of animals outside DCM managed animal facility for extended periods of time without prior IACUC review and approval. The investigators must consult the Attending Veterinarian and/or IACUC before implementing any experiments or procedures using satellite locations. Approval of the IACUC protocol application or via amendment for the use of satellite location and/or housing will be allowed only if the IACUC is assured that proper housing conditions are met and justified. The proposed satellite location or housing area must be inspected prior to IACUC approval to ensure suitability. Principal Investigators and/or designated protocol personnel must maintain documentation of daily animal care activities, a log of temperature and humidity, a census sheet, and all documents must be readily available upon request. Records must be maintained per IACUC, DCM and/or institutional policy.

Satellite locations must be accessible to the IACUC and Attending Veterinarian at all times and may be subject to periodic and/or unannounced inspections by the USDA, the IACUC, and the NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW).