IACUC Policy 14: Review of Protocols and Housing of Animals between TTU and TTUHSC

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding approved on May 15, 2018 by Texas Tech University (TTU) and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC), each agree to the following:

1. To abide by the Animal Welfare Act.
2. To have an active Letter of Assurance with the Public Health Service for animal care and use.
3. To constitute a functional IACUC.
4. That the use of vertebrate animals in testing, research, and teaching must be reviewed and approved by the IACUC at the institution that will house the animals.
5. That the principal investigator (PI) shall house his/her animals within his/her home institution (where he/she has their primary appointment) unless the PI identifies “special needs” that can be better served at the other institution. The attending veterinarian at the PI’s home institution must verify such “Special needs” in writing. This verification (that the PI 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:
   a. The inability of the home institution to house the animals.
   b. Collaboration between the PI of the protocol and an investigator at the other institution.
   c. Special facilities required by the project that are unavailable at the PI’s home institution.
6. That all personnel involved with the project must meet the training and occupational health requirements of the institution where the animals are housed.
7. That the respective IACUCs will send each other copies of approved protocols which meet the criteria in number five above.
8. That this policy supersedes any previous agreements/policies/understandings between the institutions regarding the review of protocols and housing of the animals.