Classroom Use of Live or Preserved Vertebrate Animals

Summary/Purpose: Requirements for using vertebrate animals in teaching.

For use of live vertebrate animals, the IACUC requires teaching protocols to be submitted to and approved by the IACUC. For continued use, these protocols must be renewed every three years. As part of the annual update process, the IACUC requires teaching faculty to document that they conducted a new search for alternatives such as computer simulations, videos, reusable dissection dummies, and observation. Instructors who are planning to use animals in their classrooms should factor in at least 4-6 weeks lead time between submitting a protocol and the date they need to have the animals on hand.

See related policy: Acquisition of Animals from Unapproved Suppliers, RSP.RI.302.015.

For use of preserved vertebrate animals, see form: Permission for Classroom Use of Preserved Animals