

# Colorado State University

## Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

### *Semi-annual IACUC Inspections*

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#### Purpose

It is the responsibility of the Colorado State University (CSU) Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) to ensure judicious and humane use of animals used in its teaching and research programs. Federal regulations require inspections of the research animal facilities, including animal study areas.

#### Federal Regulations

Federal regulations and guidelines upon which the CSU guidelines are founded include:

- [Animal Welfare Regulations \(9CFR Part 2 Subpart C §2.36\)](#)
- [PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Animals](#)
- [Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#)
- [4th edition of the Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching](#)

#### Scope

Semi-annual inspections are done 2 times a year, in February-April, and August-October. Federally regulated spaces are required to be inspected at least 2 times a year +/- 30 days. CSU's inspections are set up on a rolling schedule to accommodate all areas and to stay with in compliance. All IACUC members are encouraged to participate in semi-annual inspections. The focus of these inspections is animal health and safety.

- Federally regulated spaces require 2 inspectors.
- Non- Federally regulated spaces (e.g., agricultural spaces and clinical spaces) are inspected by IACUC at least 1 time per year in-person and 1 time per year virtually, or more if necessary.

During inspections, any findings are documented for follow up/correction from the responsible party. Typically, these are followed up and fixed within 30 days.

All findings and corrections are reviewed by the committee during the semi-annual program review. If any inspection findings require additional follow up after the program review, the responsible party is given an additional 30 days to answer those follow up questions.

#### IV. Exemptions

Exemption from IACUC inspections may only be granted if all the following criteria is met:

- Use of privately owned animals and the owner/designee must always be present during the study
- Must be a non-CSU owned facility/location
- Procedure pain category is no higher than C  
Procedures to occur in less than a 12-hour period