

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

Policy on Animal Reuse

Reuse of animals as a “reduction” strategy is strongly discouraged, especially, where animals have already undergone experimental procedures that are painful or stressful. Any reuse of an animal must be approved by the IACUC, and evidence must be provided by the PI that the animals’ well-being has not been compromised by previous research and that the animals exhibit normal physiologic function. The PI must provide evidence of how well-being and normal physiologic function was determined for the animals proposed to be re-used. When animals are reused from a common source such as a teaching herd for which an active production protocol or SOP exists, the PI may not know how physiologic function and well-being were determined until the time arrives to begin the research project. In these cases the IACUC in consultation with the University/Attending Veterinarian may delegate authority for animal reuse to a unit veterinarian.

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