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Dear Animal Research Community,

A successful animal care and use program fosters an environment for progressive science while ensuring the well-being of the animals involved in research. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is responsible for providing oversight of the animal care and use program by conducting initial and on-going reviews of protocols in accordance with Animal Welfare Regulations (Sec 2.31 (d)), the USDA Animal Welfare Act, Public Health Service Policy (IV.C.5) and other federal and state requirements. Our animal research program at Appalachian State University continues to grow, and our researchers are applying for federally-funded projects. The IACUC seeks to add and align components of a maturing program accordingly.

One of these components is the post-approval monitoring program (PAM). PAM is a review of approved protocol activities by members and staff of the IACUC. A PAM review consists of an in-person visit to ensure protocols are executed as approved. PAM reviews are common practice in animal care and use programs and are considered an important element in maintaining a quality animal research enterprise.

PAM visits will be infrequent and random. Principle investigators whose projects are identified for PAM will be notified in advance by the IACUC office and visits will be scheduled to minimize disruption.

For more information, please visit our website for Frequently Asked Questions:

<https://researchprotections.appstate.edu/animals/iacuc-forms>.

Thank you for your continued support of Appalachian State University's commitment to quality animal care and advanced animal research.

Sincerely,



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