

Photography and Videography of Research Animals

Photography, videography, and audio recordings of research animals, procedures, or areas within the animal housing facility for any purpose must be requested and approved in the IACUC approved research protocol. The research protocol must include the justification for photography and videography of research animals and describe how these images/ videos will be used. No images or videos of research animals, procedures, equipment, or facilities are permitted to be posted on any social media sites or any other public outlets. No images, videos, or audio recordings can be disseminated or released to the media (newspaper, radio, television station, etc.), or an advertising agency outside of LSUHSC without prior written approval of the IACUC. Non-compliance with this policy may result in revocation of animal use privileges and/or disciplinary action to include possible termination or expulsion.

The following items are examples of acceptable uses for images, videos, or audio captures of animals, procedures, facilities, and equipment without prior approval:

- Manuscripts for peer-reviewed scientific journals or book chapters.
JoVE or similar visual journals must be approved by the IACUC.
- Scientific meeting presentations (poster or oral)
- Professional manuscript review services
- Educational programs where a University faculty member monitors and approves the content of the program
- Images of animals may be shared electronically between PI/laboratory staff and the veterinary staff for the purposes of clinical diagnosis (including post-mortem) or treatment plan development, or between laboratory staff and PI for purposes of questions/guidance. *It is encouraged that videotelephony (i.e. FaceTime, Teams, Zoom, etc.) be used for such communication between laboratory personnel.*

Each PI is responsible for controlling the possession, use, and distribution of all visual images created by the PI or study team when the images or recordings include animals or parts of animals. As per LSUHSC records retention policy, all images, videos, and/or audio recordings

must be retained for a minimum of three (3) years, preferably in a central and secured location such as a shared hard drive or on an LSUHSC approved secured network drive or cloud-based storage location (i.e. Teams, One Drive). Record retention does not apply to non-recorded videotelephony (i.e. FaceTime, Teams, Zoom, etc.) for communication between parties involving animals.