University of Cincinnati
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

Policy for Allowing LAMS’ Staff to Provide Technical Service

Prior to approving a protocol, the University of Cincinnati’s Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee reviews the qualifications of all individuals working with animals. This is done to ensure that all individuals have the appropriate training and experience needed to perform their animal procedures correctly. If new personnel wish to begin working with animals under a previously approved protocol, their qualifications are also reviewed by the IACUC before the new personnel may begin animal work.

Under some circumstances (e.g. sick leave, vacations, unexpected resignations, etc.) an investigator may need technical assistance from trained personnel before the IACUC would have time to review the new assistant’s qualifications. In order to prevent disruption of a study, the IACUC has approved the following policy:

*At the discretion of LAMS management or veterinarians, LAMS’ husbandry and veterinary staff are permitted to work under IACUC approved protocols without prior notification of the IACUC or listing LAMS personnel on a protocol.*

LAMS management or veterinary staff will ensure LAMS personnel are proficient in the procedures or received adequate training prior to providing technical service.

When an investigator plans a project in which LAMS’ personnel will be incorporated as part of the research team, the LAMS personnel and their qualifications should be documented in the protocol submission as is done for non-LAMS personnel.