

INVESTIGATOR MAINTAINED ROOMS

In certain circumstances, listed below, an individual research investigator or a teacher may maintain and provide routine care to vertebrate animals for the specified period of study. Circumstances may include:

1. Hazardous or zoonotic agent studies in which total human exposure must be minimized.
2. Studies in which routine provision of sanitation, feeding, and watering, and provisions for entry/exit are beyond the ability of LARAC personnel to master, even when the investigator does the instruction.
3. Circumstances in which routine animal care is of specific educational benefit to a person.
4. Other IACUC approved circumstance.

For an investigator to obtain permission to maintain his or her own animal room for a specified time, a written request employing specific justification(s) must be addressed to a university laboratory animal veterinarian, who will review the request with the IACUC.

If the permission is granted, those persons who will provide the 7-day a week, 365 day per year routine care must be identified by name and training and attend a course of 2-3 hours to review requirements of AAALAC and other applicable regulatory agencies. A university laboratory animal veterinarian will conduct the class.

In the conduct of that regular care, any investigator or his or her staff must maintain AAALAC standards as interpreted by a university laboratory animal veterinarian and the IACUC and must conduct that care under a university laboratory animal veterinarian and the IACUC's ultimate direction-authority.

Appeals of any or all aspects of this policy's enforcement must be presented to a university laboratory animal veterinarian and the IACUC, where a majority vote decides. A decision of the IACUC is final within the University.