

IACUC Statement on Animal Use for Activities Other Than Research.

- 1. MSU Animals used in Exhibition and Demonstration.** Live vertebrate MSU Animals may be used for exhibition and demonstration. When MSU farm or animal unit personnel are responsible for the supervision, handling, and care of these animals, then the exhibition and demonstration activities can be included in a farm or animal unit Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). Otherwise, the appropriate person in charge of the activity must complete and submit either an IACUC Outreach Form or Animal Use Form depending on the nature of the activity. Personnel caring for animals must have completed the appropriate Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and Office of Radiation, Chemical, and Biological Safety (ORCBS) training requirements (i.e. IACUC Tutorial, Biosafety Principals for Animal Users, and Species Specific training). Examples of exhibition and demonstration activities would be animal judging contests, animal breed shows and sales, Block & Bridle Little International, etc.
- 2. MSU Animals used in Public Displays or Activities.** Live vertebrate MSU animals may be used in displays or activities that are intended to educate and inform the general public. While animals used in these events are under the care of the responsible farm or animal unit, an individual or group outside the farm or animal unit may host the event. Animals used in this capacity may have controlled/supervised contact with the general public. The person responsible for the activity must complete and submit an IACUC Outreach Form to notify the IACUC of this type of animal use. Examples of these types of displays or activities would be Small Animals Day, Vet-a-Visit, 4-H Exploration Days, Rural Education Days, Grandparents University, etc. This type of activity only requires notification to the IACUC before it is conducted; however, the IACUC can require further documentation and/or submission of an Animal Use Form depending on how animals are to be used.
- 3. Animals Used in Instruction.** MSU faculty and staff using live vertebrate animals for instruction in which students or participants will be taught handling, manipulation, invasive procedures, restraint, capture or other procedures on animals beyond observation must have IACUC approval through the submission and approval of an Animal Use Form. This covers credit and non-credit instruction including Extension and Outreach programs and activities.
- 4. Animals Used in Observation.** MSU faculty and staff who are observing live vertebrate animals in their normal setting with no or minimal disturbance, and in which students and participants are not required to handle or manipulate the animals, do not have to contact the IACUC for approval of animal usage. An IACUC Exemption form is available if documentation is needed.

If you need assistance or have questions, contact the IACUC office at 432-4151 or iacuc@msu.edu. IACUC forms are available at <http://www.animalresearch.msu.edu/forms.html>. The use of animals from Department of Animal Science farms may also require a department Animal Use Form available at http://www.ans.msu.edu/ans/electronic_forms under Animal Use.