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IG001: REPORTING UNEXPECTED ADVERSE EVENTS

An Unexpected Adverse Event (UAE) is the occurrence of an unforeseen event that negatively impacts the health and welfare of animals used in research, teaching, testing, or production. To clarify, UAEs are not events identified in the Animal Use Protocol or Farm Description and Operating Guidelines as potential risks or outcomes.

An UAE must be promptly reported to the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. Some events may require immediate action by the veterinary staff to protect animal health and welfare. Immediate concerns should be communicated directly (by phone or email) to the Farms veterinarian or Campus Animal Resources veterinary staff for review and professional input. **Within 24 hours of the UAE**, a summary of the incident must be made to the IACUC via iacuc@msu.edu. The IACUC and Attending Veterinarian will work with the reporter to determine what further actions may need to be taken for resolution.

Examples of events that are required to be reported as UAEs:

- Unforeseen animal injury, morbidity, or mortality related to handling, husbandry, or management procedures.
- Unforeseen events that lead to the harm of the animal(s) or that cause obvious distress.
- Experimental outcomes that had a negative health impact to a research animal(s), especially outcomes that were not predicted, and thus not described within the Animal Use Protocol.

Examples of events that **do not need to be reported** as UAEs:

- Injury or illness related to approved treatments.
- Morbidity or mortality of animals that has been identified in an Animal Use Protocol or Description and Operating Guidelines or considered common to the species-specific production system

Any concerns about animals should be reported to any of the following		
Campus Animal Resources (CAR) Veterinary Staff	517-353-5064	CARvets@msu.edu
MSU Farms Veterinarian	517-432-4242	ORRS.DL.MSUFarmVet@msu.edu
South Campus Animal Farms	517-388-1078	cullensf@msu.edu
After Hours, Weekends, and Holidays		
Attending Veterinarian and CAR Veterinary Staff	517-353-5064	CARvets@msu.edu
MSU Farms Veterinarian	517-353-9710	ORRS.DL.MSUFarmVet@msu.edu