

University of Vermont
Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee
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Policy on Visitors

When visitors to the University of Vermont (UVM) will be working with animals, the IACUC requires assurance that they have the necessary expertise regarding the proposed procedures and that they are either enrolled in an Occupational Health Program or are willing to waive that requirement. In addition, if visitors will be performing procedures which potentially cause more than momentary pain or distress (e.g. survival or non-survival surgery), the Attending Veterinarian or a member of the veterinary staff must observe initial procedures to assure that the visitor adheres to UVM standards for those activities.

Before visitors can work with animals or be allowed access to the animal facility, the following steps must be accomplished:

1. Principal Investigator must provide to the visitor a copy of the approved protocol for review,
2. Principal Investigator must also provide a copy of the Visitor's Certification for Waiver of Animal Care Training and Occupational Health Clearance Review to the visitor for completion (to be obtained from the IACUC office),
3. Principal Investigator must collect the completed form from the visitor, sign it, and send it to the Veterinarian.