

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER EL PASO
LARC POLICY

RECORDING RESEARCH ANIMALS
(PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOS, AND AUDIOTAPES)

To ensure that TTUHSC El Paso's dedication to animal welfare is appropriately represented, the production and use of photos or videos of animal research must be approved prior to production.

PROCEDURE

The Principal Investigator (PI) must make a request in the appropriate IACUC protocol. The request must include the following information.

- Species
- Format (e.g., photo, video, electronic, printed, etc.)
- Specific procedure(s) or facilities to be recorded
- Assurance that the scenes recorded depict **only appropriate procedures** approved per IACUC protocol (e.g., use of surgical garb, gloves, clean work area)
- How the recording will be used, including audience, publication, etc.
- Assurance that the video and pictures will be stored on a server with appropriate protection and firewalls

The IACUC reviews and, if appropriate, approves the request. Photography or videotaping may proceed only after review and approval by the IACUC. Photos and videos must not contain any identifying information (such as building, room number, and PI names) and should be stripped of location information prior to release. GPS information must also be stripped prior to release.

Visual and/or audio documentation of animals illustrating invasive experimental procedures or altered behavior resulting from experimental manipulations must be made only when necessary for data analysis or presentation. Video publication for JOVE requires pre-approval by the LARC veterinarian.

The LARC Director or his/her designee reserves the right to view the picture or video before it leaves the animal facility or before it is published or presented to the public.

Videos, photos, and audio recordings must be stored securely, using a password-protected account.

Exemptions from this policy:

- Photos taken by USDA, NIH/OLAW, AAALAC and IACUC committee members, etc. to document compliance with animal welfare laws
- Photos taken by veterinary personnel for documentation of IACUC-related matters

- Photos taken by veterinary or lab personnel for consultation with the vet regarding animal health issues