

IACUC approved AWAR exception:

In some cases, cages will be sanitized every 3 weeks (instead of every two weeks as required by Animal Welfare Regulations). Per the described procedures, cats are normally euthanized within 2 weeks after being fed *Toxoplasma* and after they have stopped shedding oocysts. However, experience indicates that in some cases cats can shed oocysts for up to 3 weeks and therefore the request is to delay euthanasia until day 22 of the experiment to ensure that the shedding of the oocysts is complete.