

**Gaston College  
Veterinary Medical Technology  
IACUC Meeting Minutes  
Spring 2020**

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Cortney Barkley-Postell, DVM  
Kay Sheets

**Members Absent:** Patsy Queen, RNC, MSN and Jane Goodson, RN, MSN

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Please RETURN THIS SHEET TO THE IACUC CHAIRPERSON WITHIN ONE WEEK OF RECEIPT

mail to: Gaston College or Fax: Attn: Jason Doukas  
Vet Med Tech 704-922-2333  
Attn: Jason Doukas  
201 Hwy 321 South  
Dallas, NC 28034

Date Sent 9/30/2020

I HAVE READ AND REVIEWED THE ATTACHED SEMI-ANNUAL FACILITY INSPECTION AND PROGRAM REVIEW CONDUCTED ON 9/30/2020 AND I:

(✓) AGREE with the report as written.

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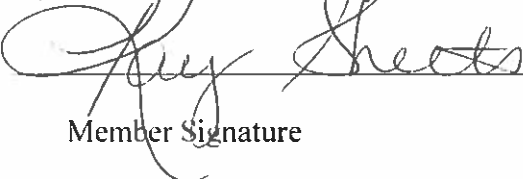
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Memorandum to: Dr. John Hauser

From: Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

Subject: Semiannual Evaluation of Animal Care and Use Program and Inspection of Facilities

Date: 10/14/2020

This represents the semiannual report of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), as required by the USDA Animal Welfare Regulations, 9 CFR Chapter I, subchapter A, as applicable.

### Evaluation of the Animal Care and Use Program

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