

University of Arizona Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

Animal Welfare Report

Date of Initiation	Principal Investigator	Department	Case Number
9/20/21		College of Veterinary Medicine	2021-004-W
IACUC Protocol (s)	Title (s)		
20-369	CVM Equine Clinical Skills Teaching Protocol		
Funding	Species	Date(s) of incident	
Departmental	Equine	Reported to CALS 9/14/21	

Date(s) of IACUC Meeting	Date Closed
9/23/21	9/23/21

Type of Deficiency/Incident/Modification	Welfare Report	IACUC Categorization	Does not reach non-compliance threshold
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Regulatory Authority:

As per University of Arizona Policy 2.13.03 *Research Involving Animal Subjects*, "All research, both sponsored and non-sponsored, involving animal subjects must be reviewed by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) to ensure that it conforms to University policies governing animal welfare and meets the requirements of the federal Animal Welfare Act and the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals."

As per the USDA Animal Welfare Act (AWA) 2143.b.1.B.iii, the IACUC shall include a community member in order to "provide representation for general community interests in the proper care and treatment of animals;..."

Further, AWA section 2.33 requires the Attending Veterinarian (AV) and/or their designees "has the appropriate authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care and oversee the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use..." and "The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries," and that daily health and well-being is assessed and conveyed to the AV and/or their designees.

As per IACUC Guidance 113:

"The IACUC expects that for all animal activities at the University of Arizona, animal welfare is a primary focus."

Description of welfare report

On 9/20/21 the IACUC was made aware of a report sent to the Vice President of Agriculture – Life and Veterinary Sciences, by a concerned student, regarding the condition of the College of Veterinary Medicine's horse herd at the [REDACTED]. The report indicated, "I believe they have had these set of horses for about a year. As far as I know their condition has not changed. Even if these horses are sick it is not humane to keep these horses in this condition. If they are sick, find out what is wrong with them and treat them accordingly. Especially out in this Arizona heat, these horses are starving, their BCS is around a 1 or 2 which is not proper care of these animals. Something needs to be done about these animals immediately, especially since they are [REDACTED], thousands of people drive by the farm daily and it is a bad look for the university."

Date	Actions taken prior to IACUC Review
9/21/21	AV and V-3 went to the [REDACTED] to evaluate the condition of the horses present. Veterinarians determined that the horses' BCS were appropriate for their age and pre-existing conditions.

Description of Prior Non-compliance/incidents	Repeat Incident
N/A	No

IACUC Recommendations/Requirements

The IACUC was notified about this issue at the IACUC meeting on 9/23/21 and recommend the following additional actions:

- The committee discussed apprehension regarding the public exposure of herds at the [REDACTED] location. IACUC recommendation is to increase communication to inform and educate the public.
- The committee recommends adding an amendment to the original protocol to declare that preexisting conditions must be known prior to accepting horse donations.
- Topic may be revisited as needed

Date	Corrective Actions taken post IACUC Review
9/30/21	Dean of Veterinary Medicine was debriefed and will work with CVM, IACUC, and UAC on options for community outreach and education, as well as creating criteria for accepting donated animals.

Notification of Incident – Internal

Type	IACUC Chair	AV/Vet on call	PI	Department Chair	Compliance Director/QA Officer	Assistant Vice President/IO
Initial	9/20/21	9/20/21	9/20/21	9/20/21	9/20/21	
Post IACUC review	9/23/21	9/23/21	9/23/21	9/30/21	9/23/21	

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