

Accredited Unit Annual Report

Report Year: 2018

Accredited Unit: University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Parent Organization: University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Unit Number: 001578

**Date Completed:
January 28, 2019**

Unit Reporting Period

From (MM/YY): 01/18

To (MM/YY): 12/18

Please submit following the end of the unit reporting period.

Units are encouraged to submit Annual Reports in accord with the unit's reporting period, (i.e., calendar or fiscal year, or USDA reporting period). If you change your reporting period, please be sure that there are no gaps from previous report.

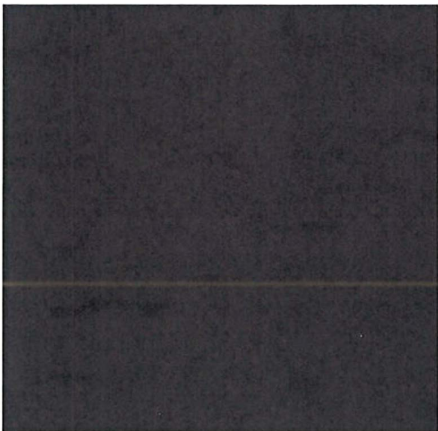
In sections 1-4, please make corrections to reflect current contact information. In sections 5-16, enter the information for your Unit's reporting period.

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5. Please verify the information provided regarding the physical areas supporting your animal care and use program. If this information differs from what was provided in your most recent Program Description or last annual report (whichever is most current), please note and explain:

Label	Current Information	Change to Information

6. Note addition or deletion of animal rooms, laboratories, units, or buildings:

No additions of animal spaces in 2018.

7. The Council on Accreditation notes that there is no obligation for institutions to make program changes based on suggestions for improvement identified during a site visit and described in the subsequent letter from Council.

However, if your institution implemented program modifications in response to those suggestions, you may take this opportunity to summarize the actions taken:

No changes were made in 2018.



8. State and describe changes in organizational structure of the program:

IO moved from Interim status to permanent status.

9. Were any research, testing, or teaching protocols suspended during this reporting period for animal welfare related reasons?

Yes

If yes, provide details regarding suspension(s):

The IACUC voted on November 14, 2018 to immediately terminate protocol # 1589: [REDACTED] • All animals currently on the [REDACTED] must be removed by the morning of Monday, November 26, 2018. • No cattle or other UNL owned or leased animals may be acquired under this protocol, and no animal, private or UNL owned or leased, can visit or be housed at the [REDACTED] grounds. There are two main reasons for the termination: • First, the housing, feeding and watering does not meet minimal standards of animal care. • Second, the management plan that was presented to the IACUC on Monday, November 12, was deficient. A description of oversight, maintenance of daily records, and feeding were already available in the [REDACTED] dated September, 2018, and the corrective response only added modest penalties for noncompliance on the part of students. The current facilities and procedures have led to repeated adverse events, minimal standards of care, and failure to adhere to the [REDACTED] for animal care. This response does not propose an adequate change.

10. AAALAC's Rules of Accreditation (Section 2.f) require accredited units to promptly report adverse events relating to their animal care and use programs, including investigations by national oversight bodies (e.g., USDA, OLAW, Home Office, CCAC) and other serious incidents or concerns that negatively impact animal well-being. *If you were unaware of this requirement and have not previously reported the incident(s):*

a) Were any major problems identified or deficiencies noted by animal welfare oversight authorities/bodies/agencies during this reporting period?

No

If yes, provide explanatory documentation:

No oversight bodies identified any issues during the reporting period.

b) Did you self-identify any serious deviations from your institutional animal care and use program requirements or policies?

Yes

If yes, provide details of the deviations:

[REDACTED]

ADP #118 8/14/18 [REDACTED] student had tied her horse to the arena fence so she could clean out her pen. When walking back towards the horse she noticed it was lying down and wouldn't get up. She immediately tried calling for a veterinarian as well as made contact with the [REDACTED] coach. The coach immediately reached out to one of the co-adviser to see if she would be able to get the grounds to assist. Before anyone could get there the horse passed.



From the time the horse was tied to the fence to the time the horse passed was approx 10 minutes. There was no sign of struggle, discomfort, or event that might have caused an issue with the horse. The rope and halter were not causing breathing issues. UNL Attending Veterinarian was already in route to arrive had a very strong suspicion that the horse died of complications from colic/bloat and that there was no risk to any of the other horses on site. ADE #121 9/10/18 When [REDACTED] cattle were being hauled from supplier to Lincoln one steer in the trailer went down and was unable to get up and did not survive. Mitigation: Although the distance was short and there seemed to be enough room, taking extra care to make sure cattle have enough room will help ensure there is not a re-occurrence of this event. ADE # 127 9/21/18 There was one [REDACTED] steer that showed signs of lethargy on Sept 19. He was given Reslfor and Dectomax. He died two days later on the 21st of September. On this same day 5 calves were shown to have a slight cough and there was concern of respiratory disease. Calves were swabbed with deep nasal swabs and submitted to the VDC for diagnostic testing. Preliminary results were given on Sept 26th and Sept 30th. The case was finalized on Oct 1st. Two calves died on Sept 30 and were submitted to the VDC for necropsy. Report was finalized on Oct 5th. There was no further concern of the health of the remaining steers. From the diagnostic results from the nasal swabs all calves were treated with Baytril. Calves showing signs of illness are held out of the roping pen and not used. ADE # 124 9/27/18 A [REDACTED] member was ground dogging and Steer #53 fell on his leg. The injury appeared be at his hock or higher. The steer was separated and placed with the calves to minimize competition for food and water. Proper practice techniques will be followed. ADE #122 10/10/18 One of the [REDACTED] team roping calves got into the hay bale feeder and got it's head stuck and suffocated or strangulated itself. The calves are checked a minimum of twice daily when fed and watered. Mitigation: A different type of feeder that will prevent the smaller calves from being able to jump inside the bale feeder.

11. Using the drop-down menu to select the animal species, please enter the approximate annual usage for the above stated reporting period (for U.S. units, USDA Annual Report figures may be used for regulated species):

a)

Animal Type	Annual Animal Usage	Other Description
[REDACTED]		



12. List key personnel changes since last reporting period:

Name/Degree	Position	Year of Addition	Year of Deletion
	Scientist	2018	
	Consultant	2018	
	Scientist		2018
	Consultant		2018

13. Would you like your unit name to appear on AAALAC International's listing of accredited units in the AAALAC International Directory and on the AAALAC International website?

Yes

14. Please describe your experiences with the service you received from AAALAC International this year (e.g., site visit, office contacts, etc.). Any suggestions you might have for improving our service are welcome.

Our experience has been positive with the office contact. The only issue we had was some mix up in getting our fees paid, and I am not entirely sure whom was to blame UNL or AAALAC but we got it resolved.

15. Please identify any special expertise you would like to have on your next site visit team.

Veterinarians involved in Agriculture Food & Fiber research as well as Biomedical research.

16. Any additional information (to include changes in the name of the accredited unit or parent organization):

None

