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IACUC Approved Exceptions to the Standards and Regulations

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The primary objective of this study was to assess the acaricidal activity of an experimental test article when orally administered to cats experimentally infested with adult ticks (*Ixodes scapularis*). Twenty enrolled cats experienced repeated, weekly infestations of ~50 adults ticks at which time an Elizabethan collar was applied for a period of 48 hours to discourage tick removal via grooming. Facility animal caretakers anticipated that when the Elizabethan collars were in place, cats could possibly get “hung up” on the elevated resting platforms mounted in each primary enclosure. To ensure the safety of the test animals, the Attending Veterinarian recommended that all resting platforms be removed while cats wore Elizabethan collars. Once the collars were removed, the resting platforms were remounted in the primary enclosures. Although the removal of resting platforms was not formally approved by the facility IACUC, the exception was discussed with the inspection USDA veterinarian, Dr. Susanne Brunkhorst. At the conclusion of her inspection, Dr. Brunkhorst issued East Tennessee Clinical Research a formal Teachable Moment regarding IACUC approval of exceptions to the standards, including resting surfaces for cats. A copy of the issued Teachable Moment is attached.