

Drexel University Animal Care and Use Committee Policy on the Use of Image or Sound Recordings in Animal Facilities, Research or Teaching Laboratories

Objective: The Drexel University Animal Care and Use Committee established this policy to protect the confidentiality of faculty research, provide a minimally disruptive atmosphere for animal residents and guard against the misinterpretation of appropriate and humane policies and procedures.

Responsibility: The PI should obtain approval by the IACUC before using photographic, video, and/or any other image or sound recording equipment in areas where animals are housed or where animal research is performed.

Procedures:

Image or sound recordings using cell phones, video, digital, film, audio tapes, etc are not allowed in Drexel University animal facilities and locations where animal research takes place without specific written IACUC approval. All such recordings must be approved by the IACUC prior to the event. Unplanned recording for research purposes should be immediately reported to the IACUC.

The IACUC asks that all investigators who videotape, photograph or record by any other audiovisual method their research animals take the following precautions:

1. Keep storage devices (tapes, CD, DVD, memory sticks, flash cards etc) in a secure, locked area with very limited access.
2. Computers containing these images should be secure and password protected.
3. Immediately erase all storage devices no longer in use or of value to the research.
4. Keep a checkout list including dates and circumstances of persons borrowing storage devices containing sensitive material. Access should be limited and closely supervised.

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