

Internal Regulation Title	Roles and Responsibilities of the NKU IACUC Backup Veterinarian					
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### 1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this internal regulation is to describe the roles and responsibilities of the NKU IACUC Backup Veterinarian. The Office of Lab Animal Welfare requires that the NKU IACUC have a Backup Veterinarian in cases of emergency.

#### 2.0 GENERAL INFORMATION AND SCOPE

The role of the Backup Veterinarian (BUV) is to provide emergency veterinary consultation or services when the primary Attending Veterinarian (AV) is physically unavailable, cannot be reached by phone or email, or when the primary AV requests that the BUV access the animal facility to examine a sick or injured animal or administer appropriate treatment. At no other time is the BUV to access any of the animal facilities for the purpose of inspecting facilities or providing veterinary care to any animals not belonging to the BUV as part of his or her own IACUC-approved teaching or research protocol unless they have been so authorized by either the AV, the IACUC Administrator, the Manager of Research Compliance, or the Chair of the IACUC.

## 3.0 DETAILS

The BUV must be willing to share contact information (email and cell phone/phone number) with the IACUC. This information will be disseminated to all Principal Investigators.

The BUV will be selected by the IACUC Chair in consultation with the AV and be familiarized with the campus program by an IACUC member or Chair.

The NKU BUV may or may not serve as an official voting member of the IACUC. The BUV will be invited to the semi-annual meeting and inspection but is not required to attend. Minutes from the semi-annual meeting and inspection will be sent to the BUV.

## <u>Process</u>

If the AV cannot been reached within 30 minutes, the Principal Investigator, or designee, may contact the BUV directly. The Principal Investigator, or designee, should also contact the AV to notify him/her that the BUV has been contacted.

The BUV will make every effort to discuss the condition and the plan with the AV within a reasonable timeframe. Any recommendation by the BUV for long term animal care or suggestions for protocol changes must be discussed with and agreed upon by the AV.

The AV will resume primary care of the animal(s) as soon as possible after becoming available.

# 4.0 REFERENCES

# **5.0 FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS**

# 6.0 DEFINITIONS

## Approvals

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