

**Northern Kentucky University
Institutional Animal Care and Use Policy**

Post-Approval Monitoring Program

The purpose of the Post-Approval Monitoring Program (PAM) is to work with and support Northern Kentucky University (NKU) animal researchers in ensuring that animals used by NKU faculty, staff and students are treated in a humane, ethical manner, with the highest standard of care according to Federal, State, and local regulations. The PAM program is designed to monitor adherence and congruency with approved IACUC protocols and procedures as directed by Public Health Service Policy (IV.C.5.), Animal Welfare Regulations (sec 2.31 9d)) and 8th Edition Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. PAM is also intended to be a tool for all groups working with animals to provide an opportunity to communicate, educate and foster an environment of teamwork and compliance.

PAM Process

The PAM process will include an approved protocol review and a related laboratory/procedure room site visit. A site visit will be scheduled with the Principal Investigator and any appropriate lab staff and/or students. A scheduled site visit does not imply wrong-doing or noncompliance. The visit will utilize a PAM checklist approved by IACUC which includes evaluation of training, recordkeeping, protocol procedures, and lab practices and safety. The protocol review and site visits will be conducted by a research compliance representative. A member of the IACUC and/or veterinarian may accompany the representative during the visit or meet with the representative after the visit to discuss findings.

PAM Follow-Up

After the visit, a summary will be sent to the Principal Investigator for review. The research compliance representative will note areas of excellence, make suggestions for improvement, and if compliance issues are identified, will assist the researchers in developing appropriate corrective actions. IACUC will be involved with final communications and resolutions. If immediate action is necessary, members of the IACUC and Attending Veterinarian will be consulted.