

Title: **Protocol Category Classification**

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Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to outline procedures used to determine the classification of IACUC protocols.

Policy/Procedure

Protocol will be classified into one of four categories: 1) biomedical; 2) wildlife/field study; 3) agricultural; or 4) other. Following are criteria for placing animals in each of the four categories.

Biomedical classification involves:

- animals serving as models of normal or abnormal processes occurring in human beings.
- animals serving as sources of products for human or animal medical use. Such products might be organs, tissues, stem cells, heart valves, skin for burn therapy, urine for hormones, or antibodies for testing or treatment.
- animals whose only role in a study is to produce a fetus or young animal for use when the parent itself is given some substance before delivery of the experimental fetuses, neonates, or older animals to be used in biomedical research.
- studies of basic anatomic, physiologic, pharmacologic, pathologic, toxicologic, surgical, or microbiological interest that have application to human and(or) animal medicine.
- any teaching, training or testing project that is designed for medical (human or animal) professionals.
- any project funded by an agency of the Public Health Service or any other organization that mandates compliance with PHS policy.

Wildlife/Field Study classification involves:

- animals normally found in the wild and(or) free ranging conditions. These animals may be housed in captivity either permanently (e.g., wildlife unit) or temporarily (e.g., captured and then released after the study ends), or be manipulated in a wild setting (e.g., trap/capture and release).
- studies of basic anatomic, physiologic, pharmacologic, pathologic, toxicologic, surgical, or microbiological interest that have application to wildlife management or conservation.

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Agricultural classification involves:

- studies that have objectives to improve knowledge of animal use in production agriculture. Those objectives should relate to contemporary or anticipated agricultural practices.
- farm animals (e.g., food and fiber animals and horses) used in certain recreational endeavors, such as rodeo events, livestock shows, and recreational riding.
- studies of anatomic, physiologic, pharmacologic, pathologic, toxicologic, or microbiological interest that have clear application to improving animal well-being in food and(or) fiber production or recreation environment.
- farm animals that undergo a major surgical procedure related directly to improving production agriculture, but do not permanently alter the animals ability to function (physically, physiologically) normally.
- animals housed in real or simulated production agriculture environments so as to ensure the validity of the research, teaching, or testing in the farm or agricultural environment. There may be exceptions, however, in which agricultural production studies may occur in controlled, enclosed environments.
- animals whose only role in a study is to produce animals used in biomedical research, teaching, or testing.

Other classification involves:

- studies not falling into one of the above three categories.

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