



**Duke University & Duke University Medical Center
Animal Care & Use Program
Policy**

ADMINISTRATIVE EXTENSION OF PROTOCOLS

PERFORMANCE STANDARD: All animal use protocols are within federal guidelines and meet all institutional expectations.

BACKGROUND: The IACUC has the responsibility to assure all animal use activity meets federal law mandates, Public Health Service policy, and accreditation expectations. This policy specifically addresses administrative extension of approved protocols.

ROLES:

1. Researcher: The investigator should work with the IACUC to assure that current protocols remain within the approved 'life span.'
2. IACUC: Provide sufficient time to allow for renewal applications, and / or responses to clarifications of IACUC concerns required for approval.

PROTECTION POSTURES REQUIRED: None

POLICY:

1. Animal use protocols have a maximum life span of 36 months (three years). This date begins with the date of the IACUC meeting at which the protocol was reviewed.
2. At 33 months into the life of the protocol, the OAWA will submit a notice to the Principal Investigator advising them of the need for a renewal protocol and requesting the renewal at the 34th or 35th month of the lifespan (to be reviewed during a regularly scheduled IACUC meeting).
3. At the 36th month, if not approved by the IACUC, the protocol will be terminated. Any animals remaining on the protocol will be:
 - a. Euthanized (based upon the wishes of the Principal Investigator); and / or
 - b. Be transferred to the DLAR Holding Protocol (In the case of lemurs or other animals that are maintained at the DUPC, these animals are returned to the DUPC pool for housing and care – not DLAR). During this period, the PI is responsible for the cost of per diem and other animal care charges. No experimentation or animal use activities are allowed during this period.
4. Federal regulations do not permit the administrative extensions of animal protocols past the original expiration date.