



UNIVERSITY ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE

Policy on the Queen's University Biological Station (QUBS)

The Queen's University Animal Care Committee (UACC) is required to review all research and teaching activities at the Queen's University Biological Station (QUBS) involving vertebrate animals, including those from outside institutions. The UACC must ensure that all research is in compliance with the "Animals for Research Act" (Province of Ontario, 1968/69, Rev 1990), the guidelines and policies of the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC), and the policies and SOPs of the UACC.

Approvals are required for collecting, capturing, tagging, marking, handling, bio sampling and housing (as well as some observation) of vertebrates, whether for research, teaching or demonstration purposes. Approval for invertebrate research is not required for work conducted at QUBS.

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ential field site, it is recommended that the Queen's

s onset even if QUBS work is anticipated to take

This will support transparency and open

facilitate interinstitutional alignment. The UACC

outcomes including complications encountered

y of humane/study endpoints; and a description of

o that which was approved.

familiarize themselves with and respect all relevant

equired to adhere to. In particular, the

[UACC Policy](#)

[on Visitor's Within Animal Facilities](#), the [UACC Policy on Taking and Sharing Images of Animals in Science](#) and the [UACC Policy on Wildlife Permits](#).

It is important that the UACC and QUBS inform researchers that no animal (vertebrate) research, can be performed unless all required documentation is received by all necessary parties. Documentation of approvals will be held electronically for access by the UACC and on site at QUBS.

QUBS will be visited at least annually by the UACC who will assess the facilities to better understand the work being conducted and ensure it is in compliance, to meet with research associates, and to forward any recommendations or commendations. Any animals held on site

(approved housing in captivity or for lab based procedures etc.) must clearly reference their associated approved animal use protocol to support compliance assessments.

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