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**Animal Care and Use Committee
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Information Items:

1. Discussions continued with editorial staff of *Journal of Mammalogy* concerning formulation a policy in which manuscripts submitted to the *Journal* would comply with ASM's *Guidelines for the handling, care and use of mammals*.
2. ACUC is revising the 1998 *Guidelines* to ensure that they reflect Animal Welfare Act changes specifically directed at field zoology. The Committee developed an outline for the revised *Guidelines*, largely based on the existing *Guidelines*, and has begun drafting the sections. The revised *Guidelines* will incorporate a discussion of new techniques available to mammalogists and the most recent information available on germane topics ranging from epizootics and zoonoses to legislation. Appendices of useful information sources will include contact addresses for other societies, government organizations and wildlife health agencies. The *Guidelines* will be maintained on the web to be readily available to ASM members and so that new developments of interest to mammalogists can be posted.

Action Items: None

Respectfully Submitted,
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