

## Animal Care and Use Committee

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### **Mission:**

The ACUC acts as a resource for issues concerning the use of animals in research. The committee maintains information on the ASM website regarding animal use and compliance and publishes revised guidelines regularly.

### **Information Items:**

- (1) The latest revision of the *Guidelines of the American Society of Mammalogists for the Use of Wild Mammals in Research* was published in the *Journal* in June 2007 (JM 89:809–823). To date, this publication has received 329 citations in indexed journals.
- (2) Over the past year the committee provided comments to local IACUCs and investigators on a variety of issues including pain categories of trapped animals, allowable weights of radio tags, marking techniques for free-ranging individuals, and release of captive animals. The Committee provides comments and opinions to ASM members, IACUCs and other interested parties seeking expertise on use of non-laboratory species in research and teaching.

### **Action Items:**

1. Addendum #1 of ASM position on Trap–Neuter–Release of feral cats (for Board approval)
2. Addendum #2 to ACUC Guidelines: Release of captive animals (for Board approval)
3. ASM position on Categorization of animals for USDA compliance and Addendum #3 to ACUC Guidelines: Categorization of animals for USDA compliance (for Board approval)
4. Budget request of \$4050 for membership in ARENA (Applied Research Ethics National Association – PRIM&R) and SCAW (Scientists Center for Animal Welfare) and to attend one annual meeting for each of these organizations.

PRIM&R	Membership	\$150.00 (Individual, transferable)
	Registration	\$650.00
	Travel and Lodging	\$1450.00
SCAW	Membership	\$1000.00 (Organization, level C, includes 1 Registration)

Travel and Lodging \$800.00

**Respectfully submitted,**  
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