

## **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 169 citations in a variety of journals. Immediately after its publication, reprints were distributed to all US IACUCs and appropriate federal and non-governmental agencies. Early this year we received word from the Senior Director of AAALAC International that the *Guidelines* were adopted by their Council on Accreditation and made an official reference resource. Additionally, copies of the *Guidelines* were available at AAALAC International/IACUC 101 conference held in San Diego, CA in March of 2009.

(2) Over the past year the committee provided comment on two manuscripts refereed by *Journal* editors for animal use concerns. The Committee readily provides comments and opinions to ASM members as well as IACUC members seeking expertise on non-laboratory species.

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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