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Protocol Deadlines and Pre-Review!

We all know the importance of deadlines and the pressure they can bring. But did you know there are actually two very important but different deadlines for IACUC protocols? The protocol submission due date is the last day of the month. The one you may not know about is the IACUC pre-review deadline. The deadline for pre-review is the last possible date to submit a protocol to the IACUC Office in order to get it pre-reviewed. Pre-review is an important opportunity to get an expert look at your protocol prior to it going to the IACUC Committee. It may reduce the amount of Committee modifications needed after Committee review and is highly suggested for new and renewal protocols. The pre-review deadline is the 15th of the month. Don't forget to take advantage of this great opportunity!

- Pre-review is due by the 15th of each month.
- Protocol submission is due the last day of the month.

New SOP on Guillotine Usage!

A [new standard operating procedure](#) (SOP) on the use of guillotines and scissors for decapitation of mice and rats for euthanasia has been finalized. This SOP provides the appropriate procedures for guillotine and scissor maintenance and testing. Testing is critical and must be done prior to every use. These procedures help ensure that the techniques minimize distress and anxiety prior to loss of consciousness and death, while promoting user safety. For more information on proper euthanasia techniques, contact DLAR.

- All personnel must be trained to use the guillotine.
- A sharpness test must be performed before use.
- Maintenance logs must be kept on guillotines and scissors for euthanasia

Safety Tips for Animal Procedure Rooms!

Procedure rooms, whether they are used by one investigator or many, are crucial to keep neat and organized. Here are some tips to keep you safe and compliant when working in your procedure room:

- Check expiration dates regularly and dispose of expired items as soon as you find them.
- Always keep your work stations clean and neat, making sure that everything in your area is sanitizable.

- Used needles should NEVER be recapped or bent – this can cause a needle stick.
 - Always store and use F/Air canisters on their side – this keeps them working properly.
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