

Background

Animal use protocols are sometimes reviewed by the University Animal Care Committee (UACC) Animal Research Ethics Board (AREB) which involve the use of client- or privately- owned animals for research purposes. For client-owned or other non-University of Saskatchewan owned animals, the CCAC recommends that institutions have in place a policy requiring an owner consent form, which is signed by the owner of the animal(s), for the use of the animal(s) in science. This is to protect both the animal and the institution.

Policy

Effective January 1, 2009, approval of an animal use protocol by the AREB which involves client-owned or other non-University of Saskatchewan owned animals, will require (or will be conditional upon) inclusion of the [AREB Consent Form For Animal Owners](#) (or an acceptable equivalent form) with the protocol and approval of the completed consent form by the AREB.

Procedures

If any client-owned or non-University of Saskatchewan owned animals will be used in an animal use protocol (research or teaching), then reference to the [AREB Consent Form For Animal Owners](#) must be noted in the protocol and a copy of the owner consent form must be included with the protocol application. The owner consent form should include the following information:

- Researcher(s)
- Funding Source(s)
- Purpose and Objective of the Study
- Knowledge Transfer
- Potential Benefits
- Description of the Procedures
- Potential Risks and Discomforts
- Financial Implications
- Confidentiality
- Data Storage
- Voluntary Participation
- Questions concerning the research project
- Consent to Participate
- Signatures

Preparation of the owner consent form should be initiated prior to submission of the animal use protocol to the AREB. Final protocol approval will not be granted until the owner consent form has been received and approved by the AREB.

Approved by the UACC, 20 November 2008