

Compliance Corner

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT INSPECTIONS

Do not fear inspections! They are a valuable piece of maintaining a compliant work environment that is inspection ready at all times! The Department of Animal Science faculty and staff work hard at making sure we are in line with regulations and procedures that apply to our activities. In fact, UConn's animal care and use program has been awarded the status of "exemplary" according to AAALAC International and the Department of Animal Science contributed significantly to this. So who is AAALAC International and why do they matter?



AAALAC - WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW

AAALAC International stands for the Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care. As the full name suggests, AAALAC International is an organization that assesses the animal care program of institutions all over the world including universities, hospitals, and even governmental agencies. Our Department's commitment to UConn's "exemplary" status, means that our research and teaching efforts will not only meet the minimum standards required by law, but will continue taking steps in achieving excellence in animal care and use. While AAALAC International conducts inspections of our animal care and use program once every three years, there are additional inspections that take place periodically to help keep us on track and "compliant" in the meantime. The following is a listing of the additional inspections that you may come across while at any of our animal facilities but keep in mind, excellence in our animal care and use program helps produce excellent research and students!

Animal Facility Inspections List

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) - Semiannually (typically spring & fall)

Environmental Health and Safety

- Biological Safety - Annually
- Occupational Health and Safety (Workplace Safety) - Annually

Association for Accreditation and Assessment of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC Int.) -
Once every three years