

**SEATTLE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
OPERATING POLICIES / PROCEDURES**

**DEPARTMENT:** Institutional Animal Care and Use  
Committee  
**POLICY NUMBER:** IACUC-015  
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**TITLE:** Provisions For Weekend And Holiday Animal Care

**SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish adequate provisions for weekend and holiday animal and veterinary care.

**POLICY/PROCEDURE:**

- 015-1 Arrangements will be made through the Office of Animal Care (OAC) to provide animal care by qualified personnel everyday, including weekends and holidays.
- 015-2 Veterinary care will be made available after hours and on weekends and holidays by a qualified veterinarian (See policy IACUC-017 Provisions For Veterinary Medical Care).
- 015-3 Contact information for both veterinary and responsible management personnel will be prominently displayed in the animal facility and by each telephone in the facility.
- 015-4 Relative humidity is monitored by the institute's building automation system (BAS). Deviations outside the recommended *Guide* limits lasting longer than one hour trigger an alarm to building security desk, staffed 24 hours a day, and the OAC on-call pager
- 015-5 Weekend animal care shall include:
- 015-4.1 Animal Health checks by a person with adequate training and knowledge to differentiate normal and abnormal findings;
- 015-4.2 Checking of room temperatures;

015-4.3 Checking of animal provisions of food and water;

015-4.4 Changing of animal cages as necessary to keep animal dry;

015-4.5 Reporting of abnormal findings or problems in the animal facility immediately to the facilities or veterinary personnel as indicated.

**REFERENCE:**

National Research Council, "The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals". National Academy Press; Washington DC. 1996.

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