

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

APPEAL OF AN IACUC DECISION SOP

Investigators shall have the right to appeal a decision of the IACUC within ten (10) business days of notification by the IACUC Chairperson. A Principal Investigator may appeal decisions made by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) by following the below steps:

1. The appellant states in writing to the IACUC Chair specific points of disagreement with the Committee's action, reasons for disagreement, and the desired outcome of the appeal.
2. The IACUC Chair appoints at least one IACUC member ("the hearer") to present the appeals to IACUC members at a convened meeting of a quorum of the IACUC.
3. A quorum of the IACUC membership hears the appeal from the hearer and/or from the person appealing and determines an outcome. The appellant will in any case be invited to attend and provide comments to the IACUC regarding the appeal.
4. All decisions of the IACUC regarding an appeal request will be conveyed to the appellant in writing and copied to the Institutional Official.
5. If the person(s) appealing is not satisfied with the IACUC's decision, he or she may appeal to the Institutional Official for consideration. **Officials of the institution, however, cannot approve an animal activity that has not been approved by the IACUC.** The Institutional Official's determination will be considered final.