

Training Program for Protocols Involving Amphibians and Reptiles

The completion of all training, both core and species-specific, will be documented (see Personnel Training Certification Form) in writing and readily available for review as requested by the IACUC, the USDA, etc. It is understood that Training Certification Forms will be submitted to the Office of Animal Resources (OAR) on an annual basis, upon request by the OAR.

1. Core Training and Enrollment in the Occupational Health and Safety Program

The principal investigator (PI), co-investigators, instructors, staff, students and others working with animals in association with this project will participate in the following core-training program:

- Attend an OAR Faculty or Staff/Students Core Training Presentation **OR** review applicable sections of the OAR Core Training Manual located on the OAR website at (<http://www.auburn.edu/research/vpr/animals/forms/Core%20Training%20Manual%20005.pdf>).
- Complete and submit the Personnel Training Certification Form to document training, education and experience of personnel involved in the project who will be working with animals.
- Enroll in the Occupational Health and Safety Program (by completion of the Occupational Health and Safety Program Enrollment Form <http://www.auburn.edu/research/vpr/animals/forms/OHS%20Enrollment%20Form%2007.pdf>) **and** review the AU Occupational Health and Safety Program Booklet (http://www.auburn.edu/research/vpr/animals/forms/ohsp_booklet.pdf).
- The principal investigator will review the IACUC protocol with co-investigators, instructors, staff, and students involved with the project.

2. Species-specific training

All individuals working with animals in association with this project will participate in species-specific training or document the attainment of comparable training by prior experience or education. A list of recommended training resources is provided below, but other resources may also be used. Species-specific training should be repeated as often as needed at the discretion of the principal investigator.

- Pairing individuals experienced with the animal procedures to be conducted with inexperienced individuals while the latter are being trained for their duties.
- Review of “Guidelines for Use of Live Amphibians and Reptiles in Field Research,” compiled by American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH), The Herpetologists’ League (HL), and the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles (SSAR). See website <http://www.asih.org/pubs/herpcoll.html> or the OAR for a hard copy.
- Review of “Recommendations for the Care of Amphibians and Reptiles in Academic Institutions,” Pough, F. Harvey. 1992. Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press. See the Office of Animal Resources for an electronic or hard copy.

- Review of “Reptile Medicine and Surgery, Chapter 7 – Turtles, Tortoises and Terrapins,” Mader, Douglas R. (Editor). 1006. Philadelphia, PA: W.B. Saunders Company. See the Office of Animal Resources for a hard copy.

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