

Research Compliance	Effective Date: 10/17/2022
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Policies and Procedures	Revised: 09/15/2025

## **IACUC-25: Photography and Recording of Animals Used in Research and Teaching Activities**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to describe under what conditions photography and recording of animals used in research and/or teaching are permitted at Baylor University (BU) facilities. This policy is applicable to all persons with access to BU facilities.

### **POLICY**

The use of any recording device to record or capture images and/or sounds of animals used in research and/or teaching activities, is strictly prohibited. "Recording device" includes, but is not limited to: film camera, digital camera, camera phone, digital recorder, sound recorder, live streaming equipment. Exceptions to this policy include:

1. When performed for either research or teaching purposes as described in an IACUC-approved protocol;
2. When performed by, or at the direction of, the Attending Veterinarian (AV) for diagnosing or documenting clinical disease, veterinary care, or treatment;
3. When performed by compliance personnel when required to document condition of facilities, compliance, or animal welfare issues;
4. When performed by government inspectors;
5. When performed by, at the direction of, or approved by the Principal Investigator for the purposes enumerated above; and
6. Other uses as approved by the Institutional Official or designee.

Any images and/or recordings, regardless of the medium employed, must be maintained securely and destroyed when no longer needed or according to record retention requirements.

This policy is intended to protect the confidentiality and integrity of animal research and teaching; to provide a minimally disruptive setting for the animals; to ensure respect for the privacy and safety of faculty, staff, and students; and to guard against the misinterpretation of approved and humane policies and procedures.

### **REFERENCES**

The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, 8th ed., 2011

**REVISIONS FROM PREVIOUS VERSIONS**

09/15/2025 – minor administrative change to improve clarity of policy intent