In an effort to streamline the process of submitting projects to IACUC, the committee has discussed the use of designated review. This is equivalent to expedited review for human subject research.

Several types of projects will be appropriate for designated review. These include foraging studies, mazes, and swimming studies as long as no medications are involved. Studies involving use of any medications\* or surgeries will still require full review. Any studies that do not fall into these categories will also require full review.

In designated review, the titles of submitted proposals will be sent to the full committee. Any member of the committee may request a full review of any proposal. If full review is not requested, a smaller sub-committee will evaluate the proposal. The proposal may be approved as written or it may be returned with a request for revision. Proposals cannot be rejected by a designated committee; in that case, the proposal would be sent to the full committee for a final decision.

We encourage submissions to IACUC as early as possible. We understand the need to proceed with student projects in a timely fashion, but we need time to review the original proposal as well as any required revisions before a project can begin.

Thank you for your assistance.

\*medications include ginkgo biloba