Hello,

Please see the following message on behalf of Dr. Andrew Winterborn and the University Animal Care Committee.

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Dear Colleagues,

We have received communication from the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) that if animals have been depopulated due to decisions surrounding COVID-19 that we need to provide them with a total. In keeping with the CCAC’s public accountability mandate, they will be tracking the number of animals euthanized or otherwise removed from a research or teaching project as a direct consequence of COVID-19. If you could please email Natalie (uacc@queensu.ca) with the following details we will track and submit this data accordingly.

- Protocol Number
- Date of Removal
- Species
- Number of Animals
- Fate of Animal(s)
- Justification (a brief explanation of why removal of necessary)

I want to reiterate that if we can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. Several researchers have reached out with regards to completing ongoing studies or starting short term studies to complete data collection. We are fully supportive of this approach if the animals are already in house and ready to go.

The UACC continues to be fully operational while working remotely. We are equipped to manage Subcommittee reviews as regular and while we have decided to cancel our March 31st UACC meeting we will host monthly meetings virtually beginning in April until it remains necessary to do so. Please visit the Animals in Science website for meeting dates and deadlines. If a need for approval is present prior to the April 23rd UACC meeting date, there are interim review processes that can be followed.

Finally, with this fluid situation please bookmark and visit www.queensu.ca/vpr for regular updates on the impacts to Queen’s research and distribute this information accordingly. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact myself, Joan or Natalie.

Stay Healthy,

Andrew