

Background

The Animal Research Ethics Board (AREB) sometimes reviews animal use protocols (AUPs) which involve the use of client- or privately- owned animals for research or teaching purposes. For client-owned or other non-University of Saskatchewan (USask) owned animals, the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) recommends that institutions have a policy requiring an owner consent form, signed by the owner of the animal(s), for the use of the animal(s) in science. This policy is required to protect both the animal and the institution.

Policy

Approval of an AUP by the AREB which involves client-owned or other non-USask owned animals, will require (or will be conditional upon) inclusion of the [AREB Consent Form For Animal Owners](#) (or an acceptable equivalent form) with the protocol and approval of the completed consent form by the AREB.

Procedures

If any client-owned or non-(USask) owned animals will be used in an AUP (research or teaching), then reference to the [AREB Consent Form For Animal Owners](#) must be noted in the AUP and a copy of the owner consent form must be included with the AUP application. The owner consent form should include the following information:

- Researcher(s)
- Sponsor or Funding Agency
- Purpose and Objective of the Study
- Description of the Procedures
- Knowledge Transfer
- Potential Benefits
- Potential Risks and Discomforts
- Financial Implications
- Confidentiality
- Data Storage
- Voluntary Participation
- Contacts if there are questions concerning the research project
- Consent to Participate
- Signatures

Preparation of the owner consent form is required prior to submission of the AUP to the AREB. A Certificate of Approval will not be issued if the owner consent form has not been received and approved by the AREB.

If any “personally” owned animals belonging to USask employees (faculty or staff) are required for research or teaching purposes, a form from the University Risk Management program (URM program) may also be required prior to AREB approval. This form outlines the assumption of risks and releases USask from any liability for any loss, damage, injury or expense incurred and must be signed by the animal owner, as well as the employee’s Department Head or supervisor.

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