

**University of Manitoba  
Guideline 003**

**When is a Separate Animal Use Protocol Required versus what Procedures  
can be placed on one Application?**

**Purpose:** To provide guidance as to when a separate Animal Use Protocol (AUP) is required rather than placing various projects/procedures on one protocol.

**Background:** In the past, some AUP's have had both research and/or breeding and/or teaching components to them leading to confusion as to exactly what procedures the requested animals would be undergoing. As there are differing requirements for breeding versus teaching versus research protocols in the areas of merit review, record keeping, and schedules required, the following is proposed:

1. Protocols in which breeding and maintenance of the colony is integral to the research itself, breeding colony procedures and research procedures can be combined on one AUP.
2. Where a breeding colony/herd is maintained for use in various protocols, an AUP covering only the maintenance of this colony/herd should be submitted by the Principal Investigator(PI) and renewed as required.
3. In the case of colonies maintained and in the care of Central Animal Care Services (CACS), one AUP exists covering care and procedures for the maintenance of numerous breeding colonies for various PI's.
4. Where animals are used for teaching purposes (undergraduate courses, graduate courses, animal use training), separate AUP's should be submitted by the PI or instructor for this use and not combined onto a breeding and/or research protocol.
5. Research protocols often contain various projects using different animal species. Historically, combining these onto one protocol has been allowed. However, it is imperative that a very clear explanation of what procedures will be performed on which animals with clear timelines be given.
6. The ACC may, if the former cannot be accomplished, request a separate protocol be submitted if it is deemed that the projects differ enough in objectives or it is simply too difficult to sort out what procedures are performed on the various groups of animals requested.

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