# \*University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (Ag-IACUC) Policy for Reporting Unexpected or Adverse Events – Research/Teaching/Training/Testing \*

## Policy:

The Ag-IACUC is under a federal mandate to monitor all research activities related to animal use. To assist the Ag-IACUC in fulfilling this requirement, all suspected adverse events should be reported in a timely manner (one week). Reporting of potential adverse events should be sent to the Ag-IACUC office ([agiacuc@uark.edu](mailto:agiacuc@uark.edu)) and/or the Attending Veterinarian.

## Definition:

**Adverse Event** is the occurrence of an unforeseen event within an Experimental Design or Demonstration that negatively impacts the welfare of research animal(s), involving pain, distress, and/or death of the animal. By definition, adverse events are not identified as potential risks or outcomes in the approved Animal Use Protocol.

## Examples of events that are required to be reported as Adverse Events:

* 1. Animal mortality or morbidity in excess of that anticipated as described in the approved AUP
  2. Unforeseen research/teaching/training events that lead to the harm of the animal(s) or that cause obvious distress not justified and approved in the protocol.

## Examples of events that are not required to be reported as Adverse Events:

* 1. Injury/illness unrelated to approved procedures and being treated by the clinical veterinarians (Must be documented in animal medical record)
  2. Death or morbidity of animals described as expected in the approved Ag-IACUC protocol

\*Adapted from http://www.iacuc.emory.edu/documents/adverse\_events.pd

**Unexpected/Adverse Event Report**

(Research/Teaching/Testing/Training)

*Please fill in all known information*

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| Protocol #: | PI Name: |
| Location of Adverse Event: | Species/Number of Animal(s): |
| Date/Time of Finding: | |
| Nature of Event – please describe what happened: | |
| Person Reporting Event:  (not required if reporting anonymously) | Remit to: [agiacuc@uark.edu](mailto:agiacuc@uark.edu) |
| Date of Report: | Questions? Please call:  479-575-6317 (office), 479-790-0606 (cell) |