

Purpose / Scope

The ACC Chair will approve exceptions requiring virtual visits.

During ACC Site Visits, as an important part in fulfilling the ACC's AECP oversight role, participants will:

- Observe the space and assess sufficiency (physical characteristics, environment, etc.).
- Seek to understand related operations and assess sufficiency.
- Seek to understand live animal procedures performed within each area as well as the bigger picture of the animal's overall experience from arrival to endpoint.
- Seek feedback from area supervisors and users on their challenges as well as their suggestions towards further refinement of the Animal Ethics & Care Program (AECP).
- Provide updates to area supervisors and users on new AECP initiatives.

Post-ACC Site Visit

ACC Site Visit Reports must be completed using an ACC Site Visit Report Template (Appendix 2) and distributed as follows:

- Report commendations, observations and recommendations will be forwarded to area supervisors and select users for their review and responses.
- Responses to site visitor recommendations will be included in the final report.
- ACC Site Visit Reports will be forwarded to the ACC Executive for review and follow-up.
 - Report content will include related follow-up actions.
- Closed reports will be forwarded to the full ACC.

Extra-vivarium space re-certification will be facilitated through the annual ACC Site Visit process.

References

- Canadian Council on Animal Care. Terms of Reference for Animal Care Committees (2006).
- Guidance for Animal Care Committee Members Conducting Annual Site Visits (2018).

Revision History