



The Path to AAALAC International Accreditation

FAU is moving towards Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) International accreditation of the entire animal care and use program. As part of this concerted effort, the Division of Research has secured the services of consultant Ron Banks, D.V.M., to assist in this endeavor. Banks is the Director of the Office of Animal Welfare Assurance at Duke University (an AAALAC accredited institution), and has served for many years as an AAALAC ad-hoc site visitor and council member. Banks will be conducting a program-wide evaluation at FAU from August 4 – 6. The visit will include in-person visits to every FAU facility where animals are housed, a complete review of the existing animal care and use program, and the occupational health and safety program. Banks will also meet with IACUC and university leadership.

Principal investigators managing satellite facilities have been asked to submit a draft of Section IV of the AAALAC program description, and the physical plant section of the application, to the Research Integrity Office at researchintegrity@fau.edu by June 15. FAU's facilities unit will assist investigators with identifying contacts.

These dates have been intentionally scheduled with ample time for us to work together over the next couple of months to prepare the documents as we move forward with this initiative. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dan Flynn, Ph.D., Vice President for Research and Institutional Official, Sylvia Gografe, D.V.M, Ph.D., Attending Veterinarian and Director, Veterinary Services, Kristen Ware, Ph.D., Assistant Director of Research Integrity or Elisa Gaucher, Director of Research Integrity. It is our collective goal to assist our researchers in this process.

