

24 April 2024

Dear Colleagues,

The ACC does not hold regular monthly meetings during July and August. Nonetheless, summer remains a busy time for research and the ACC. As such, we use an established process for managing **urgent or time-sensitive amendments** to existing AUPs and to review **new applications** to facilitate research in the summer:

Submission Period	Reviewed by Committee	Decision by
May 25 – June 28	July 12	July 26
June 29 – July 19	August 2	August 14
July 20 – August 30	September 20 (Regular Mtg)	Regular Process

Minor (“welfare neutral”) amendments may be considered for an expedited review by the Veterinary Director on a “first come-first served” basis over the summer using the RAIS system, which will be in place for Expedited Amendments by that time. Questions about rules governing the expedited review process should be directed to the Veterinary Director ([acsvet@uvic.ca](mailto:acsvet@uvic.ca)).

As always, if there is a compelling and urgent need to have your proposal considered for review outside of these times, please contact the Animal Ethics Liaison ([animaethics@uvic.ca](mailto:animaethics@uvic.ca)) for assistance.

This information will be uploaded to the Research and Teaching with Animals website for ease of future reference. Please contact [animaethics@uvic.ca](mailto:animaethics@uvic.ca) if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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