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Dear Colleagues,

The Animal Care Committee (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 and new applications. As per the [ACC Terms of Reference](#), interim reviews are an exception and must be justified to the satisfaction of the Co-Chairs. An example of an amendment that may qualify for interim review is a request by a journal to complete additional experiments within a defined timeframe. An example of a new protocol that may qualify for interim review is a field study that involves a migratory species only accessible to researchers for part of the year.

If the application is accepted, the Co-Chairs will appoint an ad hoc subcommittee to conduct an interim review. All decisions must be ratified at the next full ACC meeting.

Submission Period	Decision by*
May 23 – June 26	July 24 <sup>th</sup>
June 27 - July 31	August 28 <sup>th</sup>
August 1 – 28	Regular Process (decision after September ACC meeting)

*\* Please note that although the ACC makes every effort to address requests within the specified timelines, reviews are subject to ACC member availability and therefore the decision date is not guaranteed.*

Minor (welfare neutral) amendments will continue to be considered for expedited review by the Veterinary Director on a “first come-first served” basis throughout the summer. Questions about the expedited review process should be sent to the Veterinary Director ([acsvet@uvic.ca](mailto:acsvet@uvic.ca)).

This information will also be available for reference on the [animal ethics website](#). Please contact [animalethics@uvic.ca](mailto:animalethics@uvic.ca) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

University of Victoria Animal Care Committee Co-Chairs