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Dear colleagues,

As you are aware, the ACC doesn’t hold regular monthly meetings during July and August. Nonetheless, summer remains a busy time for research, and hence the ACC. Last summer we received and processed 14 AUP requests (new, amended, etc.) during July/August. Dealing with each such request requires an interim review committee to be struck. Perhaps not surprisingly, this can be quite challenging during a time when many people (including ACC members) take vacation. To better serve our users and facilitate ACC planning, we have therefore decided to try something new this year.

1. New and amended AUPs submitted for review between June 15th and July 5th 2019 will be reviewed by an interim committee on July 12th. You will receive your response from the committee the following week.

2. New and amended AUPs submitted for review between July 6th and August 2nd 2019 will be reviewed by an interim committee on August 9th. You will receive your response from the committee the following week.

3. New and amended AUPs submitted for review between after August 2nd will not be reviewed until the regular ACC meeting on September 21 2019.

4. 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 Expedited Amendment Form. Questions about rules governing the expedited review process should be directed to the Veterinary Director (acsvet@uvic.ca).

As always, if there is a compelling and urgent need to have your proposal reviewed outside of these times, please contact the Animal Ethics Liaison (acsc@uvic.ca) and they can assist.

This information will be uploaded to the Research and teaching with animals website for ease of future reference.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Best regards,

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