

July 3, 2008

William B. Applegate, M.D., M.P.H.  
Interim President, Wake Forest University Health Sciences  
and Dean, School of Medicine  
Wake Forest University  
Medical Center Boulevard  
Winston-Salem, NC 27157

Dear Dr. Applegate:

The Council on Accreditation of the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC International) has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining a quality program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the strong administrative support, as evidenced by the excellent state of repair of older facilities and the ample support equipment; the very effective staffing structure; the excellent maintenance and sanitation of all the facilities; the effective post-approval monitoring program; the exceptional environmental enrichment program, with extensive socialization implemented for all species; the appropriately risk-based, well documented occupational health and safety program; an effective program of veterinary care; and the excellent, well qualified operations managers who performed at a commendable level. The Council is pleased to inform you that the program conforms with AAALAC International standards as set forth by the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, NRC 1996. Therefore, **FULL ACCREDITATION** shall continue.

Council acknowledges receipt of electronic correspondence from Dr. David J. Lyons dated April 4, 2008 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items included: evaluating the annual protocol renewal process, updating the protocol format to include a risk assessment for protocols with hazardous agents and the date of the literature search for alternatives to painful procedures, implementing a plan to work with the personnel in the laboratory performing sheep surgery to document pain assessment in their postoperative records and to ensure conformance with the protocol requirements for administration of analgesics, and ensuring daily observation of flying squirrels on the Reynolda Campus.

Council has no further recommendations to offer for improvement of the animal care and use program at this time. We look forward to following your program activities and wish you continued success.

William B. Applegate, M.D., M.P.H.

July 3, 2008

Page 2

AAALAC International requires an annual report detailing changes made during the year in accredited units. In the interim, AAALAC International expects to be apprised in a timely manner of significant programmatic changes or concerns should they occur. Please note that, at your request, AAALAC International will provide your institution with a separate letter simply verifying that your animal care and use program is accredited.

Sincerely,



Kathy E. Laber, D.V.M., M.S.  
President, Council on Accreditation

KEL:cmw

000008

cc: Janice D. Wagner, D.V.M., Ph.D., Deputy Associate Dean for Research and Director, Animal Resources Program