GUIDELINES ON PHOTOGRAPHY AND RECORDING DEVICES
IN THE BRF

Photography and other recording devices are not allowed in Rosalind Franklin University animal facilities and locations where animal research takes place without prior approval from the IACUC, Attending Veterinarian, or the Institutional Official. This applies to visitors as well as students and university employees. The policy is waived for authorized individuals who are with regulatory bodies or are present at the request of the University (e.g. accreditors such as AAALAC site visitors, USDA inspectors or IACUC members).

An exception applies to those individuals (e.g. animal researchers listed on protocols and BRF staff) who need to electronically communicate clinical animal health issues to the BRF veterinarian(s) using email or text messaging outside of regular working hours, which may include a photograph or video clip. These photographs or recordings would be made and sent only after prior verbal communications/consultation with the staff veterinarian and would be deleted immediately after successful transmission to the veterinarian. The veterinarian may create hard copies of any photographs for the individual medical record if deemed necessary; the original electronic transmission would then be deleted.

Photography and recording devices required in experimental procedures must be included in the animal protocol application and approved by the IACUC.

IACUC pre-approved photography of animals or animal facilities intended for a PI's research, technical training, diagnostic, teaching, or publication purposes should always incorporate humane animal practices (e.g. if an animal is anesthetized or sedated, include the vaporizer or tray holding the bottle of injectable drug). In addition, such photography should include evidence of appropriate occupational safety practices, including precautions to prevent zoonotic disease (e.g., the use of gloves, clean lab coat, face mask, eye protection).

See also IACUC Guidelines for Filming Live Animals for Publication