

WHAT AAALAC IS LOOKING FOR

The site visitors have been provided with a written description of the Howard University animal care and use program and facilities. During the visit, they will tour the animal housing areas, animal surgery areas, and laboratories where animals are housed. As they evaluate our program description, inspect the facilities, and interview members of the Howard University's animal care and use research community, the site visitors will determine whether:

- The university is in compliance with all federal laws and regulations, and standards outlined in the 8th edition of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Animals*?
- The animal care and use program receives adequate support from senior administration?
- Problems identified during previous site visits or federal inspections have been addressed and corrected?
- The IACUC is effective?
- All animal use projects and procedures being conducted are approved by the IACUC?
- Everyone who uses or cares for animals is properly trained and skilled?
- The occupational health and safety program for animal care and use personnel effective?
- Animal husbandry, veterinary care, animal surgery and euthanasia are performed in accordance with federal regulations and nationally accepted standards?
- The use of hazardous agents in animals is conducted with due consideration for the safety of other animals, personnel, and environment?

Additionally, the site visitors will pay special attention to animal use projects involving prolonged restraint, food and water restriction, multiple survival surgeries, and the use of hazardous agents.