

RSAWA UPDATES: 2017 AAALAC SITE VISIT

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Background

- Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, International
- Private, non-profit
- Peer-Review
- More than 980 accredited institutions in 44 countries
- UCOP requires all UC campuses to be accredited

Site Visit

- August 1-4, 2017
- Meet with IO and administration
- Meet with ARC
- Tour facilities
- Talk to lab staff
- Ask MANY questions
- In-Briefing (Day 1)
- Exit Briefing (Day 4)

Findings

- Mandatory – must correct in order to maintain accreditation
- Suggestions for Improvement – recommended upgrades to improve an already acceptable program

How to Prepare?

- Read, review, understand your protocol
- Follow veterinary orders
- Document all treatments
- Review relevant ARC Policies
- Contact ARC admin team for walk-through, protocol review

Questions?

