

## **IACUC Policy on the Use of Wound Clips/Sutures Following Surgery**

The following IACUC Policy became effective on 11/14/2006:

- 1.** Prolonged use of sutures or wound clips may allow for the introduction of bacteria, which can lead to infections. Due to this risk of infection, all investigators must remove sutures or wound clips within 14 days following surgery.
- 2.** Any deviation from the above must be scientifically justified in the protocol summary, the veterinarian must be consulted, and it must be approved by the IACUC.