

Section 5: Field Studies & Wild Caught Animals

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Section 5 is labeled differently depending on if your protocol is a field study using wild animals. If your study is a field study involving wild animals, this section contains three portions for you to complete.

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At the top of the screen, you will find the link containing additional information regarding the section.



The first two portions of this section focus on permits and transportation. If permits are pending at the time a protocol is submitted, please indicate this. The protocol can be approved even though permits are pending; however, animal work cannot begin until permits have been obtained. If wild caught species will be transported, the transportation process must be described.

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First, indicate if this application requires a wildlife permit. If no, please enter a reason for why permits are not required in the provided text field. If yes, please click the corresponding dot. Then click the "Save Response" box outlined in red.

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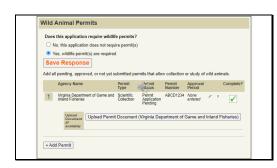


If a permit is required, click either of the links outlined in red, which allow a permit to be added to the application



The first three fields are required: agency name, permit type, and permit status. As stated earlier, you can mark if a permit application has not yet been submitted or is pending. If the permit has been issued, complete the three additional fields prior to saving the permit.

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Once you have entered permit information, it will populate into the protocol and provide you an option to upload a permit document if available. If a permit is obtained after you have submitted your IACUC protocol application, you can email the permit to iacuc@vt.edu and the ACUP staff will upload it to your protocol on your behalf.

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The second portion of this section focuses on transportation. If animals will not be transported, you can click "No", save the response, and that will be all that is required for this portion.



If you click "Yes", additional questions will appear. Please answer these questions as appropriate regarding the transportation vehicle used, how the environment will be controlled during transportation, the container used, and the greatest length of time the animals may be transported.

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For the fifth question, you can complete the text field or click the provided link.

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If you choose to click the link, a response will be auto-populated.



The final portion of this section focuses on disease prevention. The two required questions focus on the type of personal protective equipment (PPE) used, and if the species carries zoonotic diseases. Please be sure to search for possible zoonotic diseases and review the OHS wildlife training manual for any references. If the animals do not carry zoonotic diseases, indicate this on the form and save your response.

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For species that do carry zoonotic diseases, three additional questions must be completed. Please list all zoonotic diseases the animals may carry, precautions that will be taken to prevent the introduction of infectious agents into Virginia Tech facilities, and describe special training and precautions taken to prevent infectious disease transmission to protocol personnel. If you are unsure contact EHS to provide additional guidance of personal protective equipment or required vaccinations depending on species.



When this section is completed and a green check is shown under the section on the right side, you can proceed to the next section by clicking the button outlined in red.

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This concludes this portion of the video tutorial. If you have additional questions or suggestions to improve this tutorial, please feel free to call 540-231-0931 or email iacuc@vt.edu. The ACUP staff is happy to assist you as you complete the protocol submission process. Thank you for watching.