

# NZP IACUC MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 29, 2000

In Attendance: Nichols, Gibson, Hawes, Smithson, Cusimano, Roberts, Jaszi  
Absent: None

## Old business:

There had been a complaint earlier this year that Dr. Spelman did not respond to a request to look at a sick tree kangaroo in a timely manner (as reported at the May IACUC meeting). However, this complaint was withdrawn by the complainant following Dr. Spelman's appointment as the new zoo Director.

## New Business:

- 1) Lisa Stevens has resigned from the IACUC due to her increased curatorial responsibilities as Associate Curator and the pending arrival of new giant pandas. Committee members agreed that it is hoped another member of the curatorial staff be selected to replace Stevens
- 2) No new research proposals have been submitted for review by our IACUC this year. It is not known if this reflects a true lack of proposals or a lack of understanding by the researchers. Roberts will attempt to find out more about this.
- 3) Concern was expressed about winter housing protocols this year for the zebra and other animals housed outside. Nichols reported that it appears the heating for the zebra area has been extensively altered and should provide adequate heat this year.
- 4) Smithson reported that there was a complaint about the stereotypic pacing behavior displayed by the caracal. Her investigation revealed that keepers are putting much effort into environmental enrichment for this animal; after she informed the complainant of this, the complainant was satisfied.

Meeting adjourned.