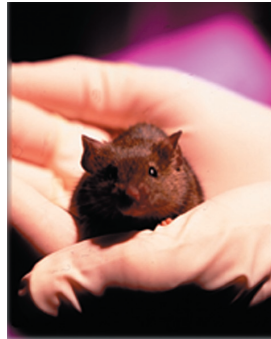


Some reasons why institutions value AAALAC accreditation



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“It assures the credibility of our program among funding sources.” (47%)

“It provides the public with a positive image and validates that our program meets or exceeds high standards for animal care and use.” (46%)

“It helps convince our administrators/upper management of the need to commit resources to maintain a high-quality program.” (37%)

“It conveys a high level of professionalism about our program to the scientific community.” (36%)

“The application of AAALAC standards ensures high-quality research and animal care, resulting in better science.” (35%)

“Completing the Program Description [part of the accreditation process] helps us identify weaknesses and deficiencies and self-correct them.” (27%)

“It assures our customers that we have a quality program.” (18%)

“Pressure to stay accredited makes us more diligent in rechecking the basics on a regular basis.” (16%)

“The rigorous peer-review evaluation ensures that we’re doing things right.” (16%)

“It keeps us knowledgeable and in step with current practice.” (10%)

◀ Background

In January 1998, the 620 institutions participating in AAALAC’s voluntary accreditation program were asked to identify what they feel are the most important benefits of accreditation. They could list up to three. Among the 71 percent who responded, these benefits were identified.



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