

IACUC Newsletter

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE
AND USE COMMITTEE

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RELATED WEBSITES

IACUC website—for forms, policies, guidelines, links for Occupational Health & Animal Qualifications Info, etc.

www.purdue.edu/animals

Occupational Health Info:

<https://www.purdue.edu/research/regulatory-affairs/animal-research/occupational-health.php>

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Animal Ordering Moratorium

Please be informed that there will be no animal orders placed the week of June 27 – July 1, 2022. Animals will still be delivered that week, but no new animal orders placed. Animal ordering will resume on Tuesday, July 5th. Please plan ahead for this.

All animal orders must be in (with all approvals in place) no later than **noon on Wednesday, June 22nd**, for delivery the following week. There will be no exceptions to this deadline. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Elisa Strange, emstrang@purdue.edu, and she will be happy to help you.

Please use the most recent version of the Animal Requisition Form (on the IACUC website - <https://www.purdue.edu/research/oevprp/regulatory-affairs/animal-research/iacuc/forms.php>) when placing your orders. Many of you have older versions saved on your computers that you have been sending recently.

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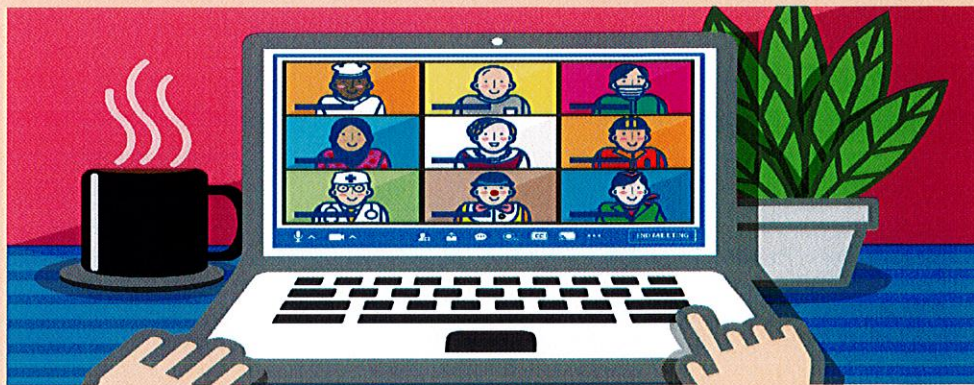
## New Laboratory Animal Program (LAP) Staff Member

We are pleased to welcome Elisa Strange to the LAP office. Elisa has been hired as the Administrative Assistant to the LAP. She can be reached at [emstrang@purdue.edu](mailto:emstrang@purdue.edu). Elisa is responsible for placing all vertebrate animal orders (previously Deana Galema's responsibility) as well as performing administrative duties for LAP personnel. Please join us in welcoming Elisa to Purdue.



## Animal Ordering Information

Please be reminded that when researchers are seeking a quote from vendors for animals, you need to use the delivery location address for animal housing (e.g., LSA, MJIS, HANS, etc.) and NOT your office address. Using the wrong address when seeking a quote becomes complicated on animal delivery days as the vendor will often use the address given during the quote, and not the address on the actual animal order for animal housing. This sends delivery drivers to wrong buildings and has happened frequently as of late. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



## 2022 IACUC MEETINGS

| Meeting Date | Deadline for Protocol Submission |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| March 23     | February 23                      |
| April 20     | March 30                         |
| May 18       | April 27                         |
| June 15      | May 25                           |
| July 20      | June 29                          |
| August 17    | July 27                          |
| September 21 | August 31                        |
| October 19   | September 28                     |
| November 16  | October 26                       |
| December 21  | November 30                      |



## Using Hazardous Substances in Animals

There have been an increasing number of instances reported to the IACUC office where researchers have not marked animal cages when hazards are being used. This email will serve as a reminder that it is extremely important and REQUIRED that animal cages be labeled appropriately when a hazard is being used. This is so animal caretakers and others (e.g., LAP veterinary and IACUC staff, research personnel) can wear appropriate personal protective equipment while in the animal facilities.

Every animal use protocol includes a hazard assessment (section 9.0). Any hazard identified in this assessment should be clearly written on the cage card when they are being used. In addition to the hazard section of the protocol attachment, an Animal Safety Verification Form (ASVF) is written for every approved protocol. This form is sent to each PI and everyone listed on the approved protocol and includes information on the hazards listed on the protocol and the appropriate PPE to be worn. It is the PI's responsibility to make sure each member of their research team reviews the protocol and the ASVF.

Failing to identify hazards, and putting animal care staff at risk, is a serious issue that is of great concern to the IACUC. The IACUC discussed this issue at its meeting on February 16, 2022, and asked that it be communicated to the faculty using animals that if you as an individual researcher have more than one non-compliance in this area, the non-compliance will be brought before the IACUC at its next meeting after the incident occurs for discussion. Researchers who fail to mark animal cages appropriately may lose their ability to conduct animal research on Purdue's campus.

The IACUC urges you to have a serious discussion with your research team and emphasize the importance of this issue. The IACUC appreciates your attention to this. Please contact the IACUC office with any questions ([pacuc@purdue.edu](mailto:pacuc@purdue.edu)).

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# **The Wildlife Center Needs Your Help!**

Donate your wild-type rodents today!

**NEW! Rodents that have received isoflurane and recovered are now eligible for donation!**

See Donation Policy for details

<https://www.purdue.edu/research/regulatory-affairs/animal-research/docs/Donation%20of%20Rodents%20for%20Feed%20policy.pdf>





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