Importing Rodents to Purdue

In order to prevent the inadvertent introduction of disease into animal colonies at Purdue University, certain minimal requirements are expected to be met prior to shipment of animals from non-approved sources. Non-approved sources would include any institution outside of Purdue University such as universities, colleges, and research companies or foundations that generally do not have closed colonies with intensive health monitoring programs. Approved sources would include closed colonies from commercial vendors such as Harlan, Jackson Laboratory, and Charles River Laboratories that do maintain intensive health monitoring programs.

To receive rodents from non-approved sources, a sentinel health report from the institution shipping the animals will be required prior to the animals being shipped. This report should include serology results for the same pathogens tested for in Purdue University’s rodent sentinel program as a minimum. In addition, the report should include information concerning examinations for ectoparasites (e.g., fur mites) and endoparasites (e.g., pin worms). A gross necropsy report on sacrificed sentinel animals indicating any abnormal lesions found should also accompany the report.

Health reports to include the above serology testing results, endo- and ectoparasite information, and gross necropsy findings should be performed within 6 months of sending animals to Purdue University. All reports may be faxed to the Laboratory Animal Program office (Attn: Peggy O’Neil, DVM) at 765-496-2415 or emailed to Dr. O’Neil at peggyoneil@purdue.edu. Reports will be evaluated by a Laboratory Animal Program veterinarian and permission to ship animals or specific reasons why
animals may not be shipped will be given. Shipping arrangements will be the responsibility of the Purdue University investigator and the associated animal facility.

Please remember that these are minimum requirements and some animal facilities at Purdue University may have more stringent requirements. Always check with the appropriate facility manager to assure all requirements for entry are being met and that appropriate housing will be available when animals arrive.

For more information, please contact the Laboratory Animal Program office at 765-494-9163.

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**Training Trenches**

All instructors of courses with exposure to animals...

In light of the recent approval of the PACUC Training Policy, it is important to highlight a section of this policy related to a course instructor’s responsibilities to students in courses/labs which they may be exposed to animals.

The policy states that: "Instructors must notify all students attending courses in which they may be exposed to animals of all risks associated with that species. Some, though not all, information about such risks can be found on the Purdue Occupational Health link [http://www.purdue.edu/research/vpr/compliance/animals/occhealth.shtml](http://www.purdue.edu/research/vpr/compliance/animals/occhealth.shtml).”

Students not employed in animal facilities or listed on a PACUC approved protocol are not permitted to participate in the occupational health program which is designed for employees. It is the instructor’s responsibility to inform students of any risks that may be associated with exposure to animals in course work at Purdue University.

This responsibility can be fulfilled by a statement in the syllabus stating the risks, handouts describing potential risks, or by the instructor informing the students in a face-to-face discussion during the class session. To document that this responsibility has been fulfilled, you will be asked a specific question on your next Annual Renewal of Approved Protocol Form about how you as the instructor fulfilled this responsibility. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Cutter at (765) 494-2521 or scutter@purdue.edu.

**New Animal Use Qualification Forms**

The Animal Use Qualification Form (Q-Form) has been updated to include questions related to the new PACUC Training Policy. This form can be completed on-line or printed out, filled in, and returned to the PACUC office. Guidelines for completing the revised form can be found on the website as well. The forms and guidelines can be found at [http://www.purdue.edu/research/vpr/compliance/animals/forms.shtml](http://www.purdue.edu/research/vpr/compliance/animals/forms.shtml). This updated form only applies to new personnel. Personnel who have filled out
an older version of the Q-form are not required to resubmit a new one.

Brown Bag Sessions

Brown Bags will be on Tuesdays. Information on upcoming Brown Bag Sessions can be found on our website www.purdue.edu/animals under the Training links.

Jan. 10, Dr. Lee Matthews, The Basics of Agricultural Animal Research, ASREC Education Classroom, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Jan. 24, Susan Cutter, Animal Health Monitoring and Daily Health Observations (this is a great session for new employees), LILY 3-102, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Feb. 21, Dr. Suresh Mittal, Current Topics in Research - Bird Flu, LYNN 1191, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Mar. 7, Dr. Jerry Davis, Necropsy Techniques, VPTH 112, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

AALAS Courses

A Certified Manager Animal Resources (CMAR) course will be offered from January 10 - February 28, 2006. This class will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the LAP Conference Room in the Animal Holding Facility. The format of this course will be case-based. This course is open to anyone interesting in studying for the CMAR certification exams or just wanting to learn more about animal facility management issues. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Since the more varied the backgrounds of the participants, the richer the course will be. Please contact Susan Cutter if you would like to participate. There will be a short registration process to ensure there are enough materials for all those who would like to participate.

Spring 2006 PACUC Activities

"PACUC Meeting Dates"

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"PACUC Orientation Programs for Vertebrate Animal Users"

The orientation program for new faculty, staff, and students, who will be using vertebrate animals in research, teaching, and/or testing, will be held on the following dates during the spring semester:

Thursday, January 12, 1:30-3:00 p.m. in STEW 213.
Tuesday, February 7, 1:30-3:00 p.m. in STEW 213.
Attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory for personnel (faculty, staff, students) who wish to initiate work with vertebrate animals at Purdue University. Personnel will not be approved to work with animals until such time that they have attended one of these meetings or completed the program on-line. The on-line program may be accessed by going to the following URL: http://www.purdue.edu/Research/vpr/compliance/animals/onlineorientation.shtml.

The password to enter is “pass” (without the quotation marks).

This program presented by staff of the Purdue Animal Care and Use Committee and the Laboratory Animal Program is designed to introduce you to the Purdue system for maintaining regulatory compliance with federal and University guidelines and ensuring humane care and use of animals.

Registration is required to attend one of the “live” sessions and may be done via e-mail to Lisa Snider at ldsnider@purdue.edu.

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