



IACUC POLICY # 25

Training of Personnel for Laboratory Animal Use or Care

The University of South Carolina recognizes that the use of laboratory animals for teaching and research is fundamental to advances in biology and medicine. The use of laboratory animals is subject to a multitude of laws, policies, regulations and standards. Two such laws/policies include the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) and the Public Health Service (PHS) policy, which require documentation that personnel are appropriately trained in animal care and use. To comply with these regulations, the University of South Carolina utilizes two primary types of personnel training: **1) Laboratory Animal Training Association (LATA) Online Training**, and **2) Hands-on Rodent Workshop**. All persons using or caring for animals in research, testing or education at the University of South Carolina must complete the specified training described below.

I. **Required Training:**

- A. All personnel working with laboratory animals are required to complete the following modules:
 - 1. [The Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#) module.
 - 2. The specific species module for **each** species listed in the protocol.
- B. All persons performing surgery on laboratory animals are required to complete the following modules:
 - 1. **Aseptic Surgery of Rodents**
 - 2. **Anesthesia and Analgesia of Rodents**

II. **Optional Training**

Animal Resource Facilities provides hands on training for individuals working with mice and/or rats. These workshops cover the basics of rodent research and techniques can be tailored to meet the needs of the individuals receiving the training. Participation is not required, but strongly encouraged.