ANIMAL CARE MATTERS

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AUP FORMS

Please remember to use the latest version of the animal use proposal (AUP) form (Version 01/2003). No new proposals or three-year renewals will be considered for the January 2003 review unless they are prepared on the new form. Also, make sure you read the instructions - they offer very useful information as well as sample responses.

It is a good practice to always download a new form from the website since changes may have been made to the form since the last time you used it. If your project simply involves breeding animals, you should use the Breeding Form. Please call or e-mail the IACUC at 777-8106 or pooser@gwm.sc.edu for any question or suggestion about these forms. The deadline for submission of proposals for the first IACUC meeting in 2003 is December 19, 2002. Forms and instructions may be downloaded from the ARF website (http://uscmed.med.sc.edu/ARF/index.htm).

ANIMAL ORDERS

All animal orders for the weeks of December 23-27 and December 30-January 3 should be received by ARF no later than 2:00 p.m., December 19, 2002 (Thursday).

All animal orders for the week of January 6-10, 2003 should be received no later than 2:00 p.m. on January 2, 2003 (Thursday).

Survival Rodent Surgery Training CD

The Animal Resource Facilities (ARF) has received a copy on CD of the NIH/OLAW Training in Survival Rodent Surgery. This training CD was developed by the NIH Office of Animal Care and Use and the National Human Genome Research Institute to assist investigators in developing proper surgical skills when performing survival surgery on rodents. The CD illustrates the most common practices used in the NIH intramural research program and survival rodent surgery standards established by the NIH Intramural Research Program Guidelines for Survival Rodent Surgery. The techniques described are not the only way to perform rodent surgery aseptically. Investigators are always encouraged to consult with the Attending Veterinarian to ensure compliance with the federal and university guidelines on surgical procedures. You may request for your own free copy of this training CD by calling ARF at 777-8106.
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The IACUC is an institutional body appointed by the USC President to oversee the program for the humane care and use of all vertebrate animals used for research, teaching, and training. Any investigator who intends to use laboratory animals must submit an Animal Use Proposal (AUP) to the IACUC for its review and approval.

The ARF provides care and maintenance of all animals used by investigators. Preventive care is provided through vendor animal health evaluations, quarantine programs, and sentinel animal diagnostics. Special care and services can be provided upon request.

Comments and submissions for Animal Care Matters are welcome and should be directed to Benilda P. Pooser, Ph.D., IACUC Administrator, at 777-8106 or pooser@gwm.sc.edu.