ANIMAL ROOM STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

Each Principal Investigator (P.I.) must ensure proper use and care for their animals. All individuals who are entering the animal rooms should wear a Lab coat and goggles if necessary. The P.I. is responsible for monitoring the following and reporting any problem(s) to the caretaker or to the IACUC immediately.

EVERY WORKDAY:

Users will check the animal rooms and cages to ensure:

a) Comfort of the animals  
b) Cages are properly labeled  
c) Cleanliness of the racks and cages  
d) Adequate supply of food and water  
e) Adequate temperature control  
f) Adequate lighting and air-supply  
g) No escaped or loose animals in the room  
h) No abnormal leaks, odors, stains or sounds  
i) No surgical procedures in the animal room

If any of the above listed necessities are found inadequate for your animals, or if your animal is found to be in an obvious distress, correct the delinquency as soon as possible. If you determine that a particular problem cannot be resolved by your own efforts, notify the caretaker or the IACUC immediately:

If an animal is dead or sacrificed record the death on a KILL CARD and then follow proper procedures for disposing the carcass(es) and tissue(s) in the IACUC designated freezer.

Phone number to contact IACUC at RGICR: 954-262-0400

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