

Essential Principles/Conditions

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Whom to contact

- How to contact the DLAR
 - DLAR main phone 412/648-8950
 - DLAR email dlar@pitt.edu
- Emergency Veterinary Care
 - Emergency veterinary medical care/consultation is available at all times including after hours, weekends, and holidays.
 - Pager 412/958-5923
 - Other Emergency Services
 - Husbandry or facilities concerns:
 - Contact your facility/area supervisor or page the DLAR Facilities Services Manager.
 - Pager 412/565-9580
 - Surgical Research Services:
 - Contact Manager of Surgical Services.
 - Pager 412/392-7722

How to Access DLAR Animal Facilities

- Research personnel who need access to the animal facilities must carry their own applicable University or UPMC IDs at all times.
- To obtain access to DLAR animal facilities, personnel must provide a request form to the DLAR by fax to 412/648-8449 or by email to dlar@pitt.edu. Approval is contingent upon being listed on an active, approved IACUC protocol and receiving a site-specific tour and training (these can be arranged by contacting the DLAR office or facility supervisor).

Animal Program Security Issues

- Animal extremist organizations, individuals, or agencies have been known to use the following tactics to deter the use of animals in biomedical research:
 1. Staff/student/faculty infiltration
 2. Phone harassment
 3. Email attacks or other electronic media attacks
 4. Postal attacks
 5. Public relations attacks
 6. Damage to facilities

Use of Laboratory Animals in Research and Education

- Personnel should remain alert to this issue and proactively educate research staff, including receptionists and administrators, that any such concern, communication, or incident should be reported immediately to:

DLAR at 412/648-8950 or

Pitt Police at 412/624-2121 or

Pitt Emergency 811.

References

- **The University of Pittsburgh IACUC:** <http://www.IACUC.pitt.edu>
- **IACUC Animal Use Guidelines:** <http://www.IACUC.pitt.edu/guidelines.asp>
- **IACUC Policies:** <http://www.IACUC.pitt.edu/Policies.asp>
- The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, NIH (OLAW) website <http://grants.nih.gov/olaw/olaw.htm>
- The Animal Welfare Information Center (AWIC) <http://www.nal.usda.gov/awic/>
- The Animal Welfare Act (Title 9) <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ac/>
- USDA Policy Manual <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ac/polmanpdf.html>
- The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, 1996 ed. <http://www.nap.edu/readingroom/books/labrats>
- Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources, [Guidelines for the Care and Use of Mammals in Neuroscience and Behavioral Research](#) (2003)
- Joint ILAR/NIH workshop proceedings, [Definition of Pain and Distress and Reporting Requirements for Laboratory Animals: Proceedings of the Workshop Held June 22, 2000](#)