

SOP Regarding Training and OHS Requirements of Visitors to Animal Housing or Dedicated Procedural or Surgical Areas

- 1) Permission must be obtained from the University Veterinarian (DLAR Director, Dr. Joseph T. Newsome; phone: 412-648-8950; email: jnewsome@pitt.edu) and any applicable scientific director prior to bringing any visitors into animal housing or dedicated animal procedural or surgical areas of this University. A visitor is defined as any individual (including students) who is not listed on an active IACUC protocol for the site in question or a person who does not have explicit approval to enter animal housing or use spaces as part of their job function (e.g., DLAR animal care staff, approved safety and facilities management personnel, etc.).
- 2) Any visitor having direct contact with an animal for experimental purposes must be listed on the IACUC protocol approved for the experiment and must complete all mandated training as well as any necessary Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements. The IACUC Training Coordinator, (email: dericcojs@upmc.edu; phone: 412-383-1737), can provide more detailed information about these training and OHS requirements, which are also discussed on the IACUC website (<http://www.iacuc.pitt.edu>).
- 3) More limited training may be substituted for standard training for individuals coming in contact with animals for training purposes, as part of a course. The content of this training will be determined by the IACUC. Instructors of courses employing animals should contact the IACUC Training Coordinator, (email: dericcojs@upmc.edu; phone: 412-383-1737), far in advance of the course so that the training requirements for the students can be assessed.
- 4) Visitors who enter any animal housing or use areas where radiological or biohazardous conditions (Biosafety Level 2 or above) exist must complete a limited training program regarding occupational health and safety concerns and personal protection. To receive instructions on arranging for this training, please contact the IACUC Training Coordinator (email: dericcojs@upmc.edu; phone: 412-383-1737), as far in advance of the visit as possible.
- 5) Visitors to any IACUC-approved large animal surgical facility must also complete a limited training program. For instructions on arranging for this training, contact the IACUC Training Coordinator (email: dericcojs@upmc.edu; phone: 412-383-1737), as far in advance of the visit as possible. This training will include instruction on occupational health and safety concerns and personal protection if the individual will enter a surgical suite where biohazardous conditions exist (e.g., surgery on a nonhuman primate).