

RaTS (Research and Training Sessions)

Research Animal Resources Center- University of Wisconsin-Madison



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Are You Certified?

A prerequisite to working with animals and registering for any of our Biotechnology classes or Lab Animal Surgery is the Online Certification. If you are not certified, go to the RARC web page (www.rarc.wisc.edu) and click on "Training." In the left column, click on "Online Certification" and choose "New Animal User". Follow the simple instructions provided and you will be on your way to becoming certified to work with research animals throughout the UW-Madison system.

Meg asks, "Do you Know?"



What is a Laboratory Training Notebook?:

The All Campus Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) is asking Investigators to document training of their research staff. The documented training will include procedures and techniques on live animals that are taught by the Investigator or their qualified designee. Documenting training can protect the Investigator and their staff if a situation would arise in which an individual's training is challenged. The Laboratory Notebook includes sections to insert and document training for lab protocols, SOP's and training records. Also included is the campus sick animal reporting procedure, information in regard to controlled substances and RARC resources. Distribution has begun so look for your lab's copy coming soon!

How to Contact the Trainers:

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www.rarc.wisc.edu

Training Classes offered May - August 2008.

	May	June	July	August
Biomethodology of the Laboratory Mouse	6th, 8th	4th, 5th	9th, 10th	6th
Biomethodology of the Laboratory Rat	13th, 14th	10th, 11th	15th, 17th	12th
Lab Animal Surgery	20th, 22nd	17th, 25th	23rd	20th
Primate Handling	6th, 15th	3rd, 19th	1st, 17th	5th, 21st

AALAS Self-Study Tutorial Information about obtaining resource materials for AALAS certification can be found on our website.

AALAS Learning Library Working with Ferrets, Gerbils or other less commonly used research animals and need species-specific training? The RARC Trainers are now offering online training modules in conjunction with the AALAS Learning Library to cover the biomethodology of these species. Contact the RARC Trainers at trainer@rarc.wisc.edu to set up an AALAS account and schedule the hands-on portion of your training.

Animal User Online Certification Online module for New Users and 3 year Re-certification is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at: www.rarc.wisc.edu

Occupational Health and Safety Register at:
<https://fpm-www3.fpm.wisc.edu/ohrd/OHRDCatalogPortal/Default.aspx?tabid=27>

To sign up for classes:

1. Go to www.rarc.wisc.edu
2. Click on "Training"
3. In the left column, select a class.
4. Follow appropriate directions to register.

Topic of Interest: Rodent Pathogen Barriers (excerpts from [tech talk](#), vol.11/No.6 Dec 2006)

Barrier is a common word meaning "something material or immaterial that blocks passage." Rodent pathogen barriers function to prevent and control infectious diseases in a laboratory animal facility. Basic components include correctly designed and maintained facilities, caging systems, proper personnel and animal movement (traffic flow), correct use of personal protective equipment, thorough disinfection of materials that animals come in contact with, proper cage handling, knowing the pathogen status of incoming animals and a functional sentinel program. The two types of barriers are physical and operational. Physical barriers are the actual structures such as walls, doors, ceilings and floors while the operational barriers include the actions and conduct of those entering the barrier. Know your facilities SOP's and adhere to them to ensure that the incidence of disease will be reduced in your animal rooms.