

Expectations for Lab Staff when they provide husbandry within facilities

Lab Husbandry

1. Communication

- a. Meeting between program veterinarian, facility leadership, and lab to discuss project to ensure lab can provide the requested husbandry and everyone understands their designated responsibilities. Topics to be discussed include:
 - i. Start and end dates for husbandry
 - ii. Confirmation of what research lab staff will be providing and what they expect the facility to provide
 - iii. Identification of key lab staff and their contact information (for facility staff to contact them if there are concerns)
 - iv. Identification of signage on doors or cage cards that will be used for notifications as required by facility
 - v. Other information as required by facility

2. Training for all members of the lab who might provide any form of husbandry

- a. Complete training required by the facility for the type of husbandry to be provided. This includes:
 - i. Facility specific training for husbandry tasks
 - ii. Recognizing sick animals and reporting to vet staff
 - iii. Reading appropriate SOPs or guidance documents
 - iv. Ensure understanding of how to document daily animal/room checks

3. Documentation during period when lab provides husbandry

- a. Ensure all individuals providing husbandry are listed on IACUC protocol
- b. Update facility provided husbandry log at the schedule required by the facility
- c. Documenting husbandry training