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So You Want to Work with Animals at FSU...

An Orientation to
Laboratory Animal Resources (LAR)



Laboratory Animal Resources

- Service unit of FSU Office of Research
- Centrally administered campus organization responsible for care of all vertebrate animals used in teaching and research at FSU





LAR Mission

Laboratory Animal Resources is dedicated to advancing the teaching and research missions of the University by maintaining exemplary standards of **animal care** and providing exceptional **support** in the use of laboratory animals.

HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU TODAY?



Who We Are...

Operational Issues
Space Recommendations
Administrative Staffing and Personnel Concerns
Fiscal Concerns
COMPLAINT CENTRAL

Veterinary Issues
Technical Assistance
Model Development
Protocol Development

Director and Attending Veterinarian
William A. Hill, DVM, MPH, DACLAM

Drug and Veterinary Supply Ordering

University Veterinarian
Kathleen Harper, DVM, PhD

ACUC Coordinator
Kimberly Johnson

Assistant Director
Jamie White-James, RLATG, CMAR

Administrative Assistant
LaToya Brown

Ancillary Services Coordinator
Kurt Hodges, ALAT

Financial Specialist
Desiree Descartes

ACUC Forms
Medical Monitoring Enrollment
ACUC Training
ACUC Approval Status

Laboratory Animal Technicians
Jason Nipper, LATG
Bonnie Dodge, LAT
Billy Sinclair, ALAT
Nicole Cannon
Charles Coshatt
Sarah Whitman
Chris Garye
Crystal Brown

Animal Ordering

Billing Issues

Importation and Exportation Requests
Sanitation Effectiveness Monitoring

Facility and Equipment Issues
Husbandry Staffing and Personnel Concerns
Husbandry Needs and Concerns

Folks that do ALL the Work!!
Daily Animal Care



LAR Managed Animal Housing and Support Space

- **Facilities**

- Biomedical Research Facility (BRF)
- Centralized Animal Support Area (CASF)
- College of Medicine (COM)
- King Life Science (KIN)
- National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (NHMFL)
- Psychology (PDB)

- **57,000 ft² dedicated housing and support space**



FSU Animal Care and Use Program





LAR is NOT the ACUC

- **LAR is a service unit of the FSU Office of Research**
- **The Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) is a federally mandated entity with specific regulatory functions**
 - Conducts semiannual program and facility evaluations
 - Reviews and investigates animal welfare concerns
 - Makes recommendations regarding Program needs to Institutional Official
 - Reviews and approves animal use protocols
 - Authorized to suspend animal activity



Getting Started

- Several steps are required to begin animal work at FSU
 - **AALAS Learning Library Training**
 - To access the Learning Library and for a list of required courses, contact Kim Johnson at 850-644-0994 or acucsecretary@mailers.fsu.edu
 - **Medical Monitoring Enrollment**
 - Form available at <https://lar.fsu.edu/animal-research-at-fsu/>. Completed forms must be submitted to Kim Johnson at 101C Biomedical Research Facility
 - **LAR Animal Facility Access Request**
 - Form available at <https://lar.fsu.edu/media/1056/animal-facility-access-request-form.pdf>. Required only for personnel requesting access to BRF, KIN, and COM vivaria. Completed LAR Animal Facility Access Requests, along with a copy of your FSU ID card, must be submitted to Kim Johnson at 101C Biomedical Research Facility.
 - **ACUC Approved Animal Use Protocol**
 - All animal work, including a list of ALL personnel performing animal procedures, MUST be described in an ACUC approved Animal Use Protocol. A Personnel Significant Change Form must be used to add personnel to an existing Animal Use Protocol. For assistance, contact Kim Johnson at 850-644-0994 or acucsecretary@mailers.fsu.edu.



Training Opportunities

- LAR routinely hosts training classes and tours for approved protocol personnel
- Individual training available upon request
- Contact Dr. Kathleen Harper at 850-644-0623 to learn about upcoming training opportunities or to schedule individual training



Animal Welfare Concerns

- **Concerns or complaints may be brought to the attention of the ACUC by any member of the University or general public**
- Reports may be made anonymously
- No FSU employee, student, or ACUC member will be discriminated against or subjected to any reprisal for reporting suspected noncompliance
- **To report concerns, visit <https://lar.fsu.edu/forms/animal-welfare-concern-or-noncompliance-report/> or contact :**
 - Dr. Paul Trombley, ACUC chair at 644-1614 or ptrombley@fsu.edu
 - Kimberly Johnson, ACUC Coordinator at 644-0994 or kjjohnson@fsu.edu
 - Dr. William Hill, LAR Director and Attending Veterinarian at 644-6411 or wahill@fsu.edu
 - Dr. Gary Ostrander, Institutional Official at 644-3347 or gary@fsu.edu



ACU Website

<https://lar.fsu.edu/>



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