

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

An Orientation to
Laboratory Animal Resources (LAR)





- 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

FSU LAR is a team of highly trained, empowered professionals COMMITTED to advancing the research and teaching mission of the University by providing faculty, staff, and students training and support in the use of laboratory animals and by maintaining exemplary standards of animal care through effective resource management

HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU TODAY?



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

Who We Are...

Veterinary Issues Technical Assistance Model Development Protocol Development

Drug and Veterinary Supply Ordering

Director and Attending Veterinarian

William A. Hill, DVM, MPH, **DACLAM**

University Veterinarian Kathleen Harper, DVM, PhD

ACUC Coordinator Kimberly Johnson

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Administrative **Compliance Liaison Assistant** LaToya Brown

Animal Ordering

Kurt Hodges, ALAT

Financial Specialist

Desiree Descartes

Billing Issues

Importation and Exportation Requests Post-Approval Monitoring

ACUC Forms Medical Monitoring Enrollment **ACUC Training ACUC Approval Status**

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@mailer.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@mailer.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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