

Monthly newsletter



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Notices and news

Welcome our new AWO

We extend a warm welcome our new Animal Welfare Officer, Dr Sam Gilchrist. A veterinarian with 9 years’ experience servicing animal facilities, Dr Gilchrist is highly motivated to continue to raise the standards of animal welfare at Macquarie and to provide an innovative outlook in strategic planning of our animal based research.



New JoVE Videos of Interest

There are many exciting new videos on JoVE this month.

Researchers using rodents may be interested in the video of intubation of the mouse at

http://www.jove.com/video/50318/a-simple-method-of-mouse-lung-intubation?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=weekly_20130328

Tips and Hints for your applications

Eliminate Jargon from Your Next Presentation (and your AEC applications)

“Buzzwords, insider concepts, and industry lingo have no place in your presentation. Each field has its own lexicon that's familiar to experts but foreign to everyone else. Unless you're speaking to a group of people who are steeped in the material, you're better off avoiding highly technical or industry-specific language. Consider whether your presentation passes the "grandmother test": **If your grandmother wouldn't understand what you're talking about, rework your message.** Use words that will resonate with the people you want to support and influence you. If they can't follow your ideas, they won't adopt them.” *From: Harvard Business Review - Management Tips of the Day*

http://links.mkt3142.com/servlet/MailView?ms=NTc3NDk2MgS2&r=MTg0OTQ5MTU0MAS2&j=Njg1NTQ4NDMS1&mt=1&rt=0%%FORWARD_INFO%%

Important AEC Forms Changes

To try to prevent repetition of research across institutions, the NSW Department has requested the addition of a question to the application forms. Please ensure you always download the latest application from the website, which reflect and recent changes such as this one.

2.1.7. Is there any component of this project which repeats any experiments (undertaken by you or others) previously submitted to another AEC?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | Go to (a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, not approved | Go to (b) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | Go to 2.1.8 |

(a) Briefly describe the previous work and name the AEC

(b) If the application was not approved, please note the AEC and the date and reason for refusal

Training opportunities this month

The AWO provides training for all new researchers. There are four components to the course

1. Rodent Handling part 1: This is for persons new to handling rats: You will see normal behaviour examine your animal and learn to pick it up and put it down in a safe manner. Injection techniques are discussed.

2. Rodent handling part 2: This is for the person who has some previous experience handling rats. The animals are examined and subcutaneous (SC) injection is given. The techniques of intramuscular (IM) injection and intraperitoneal (IP) injection are discussed. Extensive opportunities to practice rat handling are available at this session.

3. Aseptic and Clean surgical techniques, post-operative monitoring and pain relief: Aseptic and clean surgical concepts are introduced. The correct technique of donning a mask and sterile gloves is practiced. Animal post-operative monitoring and filling out monitoring forms is explained. Further opportunities to practice rat handling are available at this session.

4. Anaesthesia, monitoring and post-mortem examination: Animal handling is practised. The animals are anaesthetised using four different techniques, and the risks and benefits are discussed. The anaesthetised animals are monitored and SC, IM, Intravenous (IV) and IP injection techniques are practised. After euthanasia by four different techniques you will perform a simple post-mortem examination. Opportunities to collect samples from animals and practice techniques on the cadavers are available

Please register your interest at animal.ethics@mq.edu.au

Animal Ethics Calendar

Next Application submission deadline dates 2013

Monday 29 April 2013

Next Animal Ethics Committee Meeting date 2013

Thursday 16 May 2013

Proposed "Working with Research Animals Workshops" in 2013

25 July 2013

Contributions

If you would like to contribute to the Animal Ethics monthly newsletter, kindly email that content for the next month's newsletter.

Should you have any queries regarding your research, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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Alternatively, for more information about AEC policies, procedures, forms and ethical clearance requirements, please go to our webpage at
http://www.research.mq.edu.au/for/researchers/how_to_obtain_ethics_approval/animal_ethics