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Abbreviations:

AEC – Animal Ethics Committee
 BAW – Bureau of Animal Welfare
 NHMRC – National Health and Medical Research Council
 POCTA – Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
 MU – Monash University
 MUAWC - Monash University Animal Welfare Committee
 AEO – Animal Ethics Office, Monash Research Office
 Code of Practice – Australian Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes

1. INTRODUCTION

- This information is essential for Monash University personnel using animals for research & teaching.
- If you do not wish to receive this newsletter please respond and ask to be deleted.
- Please pass to any interested colleagues / students.

2. MONASH INFORMATION SESSIONS / TRAINING

2.1 REGULATORY ISSUES, ANIMAL CARE & USE IN RESEARCH AND TEACHING AT MU (FULL DAY), Semester 2, 2009 – Friday 17 July 2009

The information session is aimed at

- Monash Students who will be using animals in research and teaching
- New Monash staff who have not attended any previous animal ethics training

Attendance is **compulsory** for new Monash students and inexperienced staff who are using animals in research and teaching.

No charge to attend.

Friday 17 July 2009

Register at <http://www.monash.edu.au/researchoffice/animal/moreinfo/training.html>

2.2 “UNDERSTANDING YOUR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND ANIMAL USE IN RESEARCH AND TEACHING AT MU” (ONE HOUR)


The information session is aimed at

- Researchers who have recently joined Monash University and are not familiar with the legal responsibilities and structure of Monash University regarding animal ethics and welfare.
- Researchers who wish to update their knowledge of current animal ethics legislation and compliance, and common causes of breaches.

To be run again in Semester 2 2009. Dates to be announced.

2.3 WRITING SUCCESSFUL MONASH ANIMAL ETHICS APPLICATIONS

The Monash University Animal Ethics Office provides assistance and advice with preparation of animal ethics applications. Contact details above.

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2.4 PRACTICAL TRAINING MODULES - Monash Animal Services

There is no charge to attend. Places limited, register early.

More information at <http://www.monash.edu.au/researchoffice/animal/moreinfo/training.html>

Wednesday 29 April 2009	Rat – Administration of Substances and Blood Collection
Wednesday 6 May 2009	Rodent Anaesthesia
Wednesday 13 May 2009	Surgical Techniques in Rodents
Wednesday 20 May 2009	Mouse – Administration of Substances and Blood Collection
Wednesday 27 May 2009	Rat – Administration of Substances and Blood Collection
Wednesday 10 June 2009	Rodent Anaesthesia
Wednesday 17 June 2009	Surgical Techniques in Rodents

3. MONASH ANNUAL AND COMPLETED PROJECT REPORTS

The Monash Annual and Completed Projects report form for 2008 is available from the web at: <http://www.monash.edu.au/researchoffice/animal/approval/annual.html>

Time Frame - Monash Annual Report to the AEC Secretary by 13 February 2009 and Completed Project Report within six months of the completion of a project.

4. BUREAU OF ANIMAL WELFARE AEC TRAINING

Courses at Department of Primary Industries Offices, Attwood.

Contact us to Register. More detailed information has been sent to all AEC members or Contact Us.

NEW AEC MEMBER TRAINING

Date: Friday 19 June, Tuesday 20 October 2009

CHAIRS / ADMINISTRATORS TRAINING

Date: 27 May – FULL. BAW to run a session at MU, Clayton Campus. Date to be announced.

ADVANCED AEC MEMBER TRAINING

Date: 3 June

5. NHMRC: GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF ANIMALS FOR TRAINING INTERVENTIONAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS & DEMONSTRATING NEW INTERVENTIONAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & TECHNIQUES.

These draft Guidelines have been released for public consultation. The former title of this publication is Guidelines on the use of animals for training surgeons and demonstrating new surgical equipment and techniques. For further information visit <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines/consult/index.htm>

Closing date is 5pm AEST Friday 15 May 2009.

6. MU ANIMAL ETHICS WEB PAGE – NEW ADDRESS

New address of our home page is

<http://www.monash.edu.au/researchoffice/animal/>

Note re-directs are in place on most of the old web pages for a limited time.

7. APPLICATION FORM – UPDATED

A minor change to the form has been made to clarify if the application is for Research, Teaching or Training in Procedural Techniques. <http://www.monash.edu.au/researchoffice/animal/approval/app-forms/index.html>

8. ONLINE BASIC ENGLISH TOOL


The AEO has been provided with a link to an online tool to assist in the preparation of text in lay language.

http://www.online-utility.org/english/simple_basic_helper.jsp

9. ALTERNATIVES TO ANIMAL USE

Researchers at the University of Wollongong are promoting the use of alternatives to animals in scientific and medical experimentation. They have developed a website (Replace Animals in Australian Testing)

<http://www.uow.edu.au/arts/research/raat>

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10. WHOM TO CONTACT IF ANIMALS DIE UNEXPECTEDLY?

If animals die unexpectedly please contact the Monash Animal Services Laboratory Animal Veterinarians to discuss if a post-mortem is necessary.

Monash Animal Services Laboratory Animal Veterinarians Dr Christine MacKay (Monday – Wednesday) or Dr Anne Gibbon (Wednesday – Friday). Phone: 990 54851 Email: MAS.Vet@adm.monash.edu.au

Note it is a requirement of animal ethics approval to **immediately** inform the AEC of unexpected or adverse effects which impact on the welfare of the animals.

11. SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS

Animal Welfare Science Centre Seminars <http://www.animalwelfare.net.au/>

Department of Primary Industries (DPI), Attwood. RSVP jskuse@unimelb.edu.au

"Urges, needs, preferences & priorities – coming to terms with the welfare of the laying hens"

Prof. Tina Widowski, University of Guelph, Canada

Thursday May 28th, 1.45pm – 4.00pm

Bureau of Animal Welfare Animal Ethics Committee Training

See above.

Australian & New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research & Teaching (ANZCCART) Conference – “AEC Best Practice”

28-30 July 2009 – Port Douglas

<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/ANZCCART/>

Australian and New Zealand Laboratory Animal Association (ANZLAA) Conference

1st - 3rd September, New Zealand

<http://www.anzlaa.org/>

12. HOW CAN THE AEO HELP?

The Monash AEO offers the following services;

- Information sessions on Understanding Your Legal Responsibilities and Animal Use in Research & Teaching at Monash University <http://www.monash.edu.au/researchoffice/animal/moreinfo/training.html>
- Assistance and advice on writing successful Monash Animal Ethics Applications – phone, email or in person
- Advice on animal ethics / welfare issues
- Information and help on the Web Site <http://www.monash.edu.au/researchoffice/ethics/animal/>