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1. INTRODUCTION

- This newsletter contains information that is essential for Monash University personnel using animals for research and teaching.
- If you do not wish to receive this newsletter please respond and ask to be deleted.
- Please pass to any interested colleagues / students.
- Queries or comments to the Monash Animal Ethics Office (AEO) contact details above.

2. ANNUAL RETURNS

Researchers Online Projects Enquiry System (ROPES) - Previously reported animal use details are available in ROPES to assist with Annual Reporting for 2007.

1. Login to <http://my.monash.edu.au> (Authenticate details required)
 2. Click on the "ROPES" tab
 3. Click on the "Ethics Applications" Quick Link - which is part of the ROPES Application.
- OR
- Click on the link <https://my.monash.edu.au/teaching-and-research/research/ropes/>

2.1 Monash Annual & Final Reports

All approved Monash Animal Ethics Committee (AEC) research and breeding applications are conditional on submission of Monash Annual Report to the AEC by 28 February each year and a final report within six months of the completion of a project.

Please contact your AEC for their deadlines and other requirements.

- The Monash annual and final report forms for 2007 are available from the web at:

<http://www.monash.edu.au/research/ethics/animal/approval/annual.html>

<http://www.monash.edu.au/research/ethics/animal/approval/final.html>

Note:

- All specified animals (rats, mice, guinea pigs, rabbits and non-human primates) that have been bred in 2007 must be reported using either the Monash Research Annual Report or the Monash Breeding Colony Annual Report.
- Any projects approved to start during the year 2007 will require a Monash annual report even if no animals have been used.

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- If ethics approval is given for multiple mouse strains then the Annual report must give a breakdown of animal use by strain as shown in the application form.
- The Chief Investigator (CI) is the CI approved by the AEC.

The submission of late annual and final reports is not acceptable and AECs are advised to impose sanctions when investigators fail to submit reports. The Monash University Animal Welfare Committee policy for late returns at <http://www.monash.edu.au/research/ethics/animal/regguide/muawc.html>

2.2 Bureau of Animal Welfare (BAW) 2007 Annual Return

The 2007 BAW Annual Return spreadsheet and explanatory documents are available at <http://www.monash.edu.au/research/ethics/animal/approval/annual.html>

Time frame - The BAW spreadsheet must be completed and returned to your Animal Ethics Committee (AEC) secretary by the end of February 2008 (or earlier date if set by your AEC Secretary). Please contact your AEC for their deadlines and other requirements.

The BAW will be imposing fines for late BAW returns.

Note:

- All animal use for scientific purposes must be reported in the BAW Return
- All specified animals (rats, mice, guinea pigs, rabbits and non-human primates) that have been bred and/or held in 2007 must be reported separately from Research and Teaching animals in the BAW Return.
- All specified animals to be reported to the BAW and AEC once only – either used for breeding or research and teaching.
- A report is required for each project; even if zero animals were used for the project in 2007 (i.e. "Null Returns" for 2007 must be reported to the AEC).

3. MONASH UNIVERSITY ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE (MUAWC)

3.1 Training Course in Animal Care and Use - Semester 1, 2008

LABORATORY ANIMALS - "Regulatory Issues & Animal Welfare" will be held Tuesday 19 February 2008.

This module is **COMPULSORY** for all new honours/postgraduate students and new personnel who will be involved in the use of animals for research & teaching at Monash University.

For more information or to register on-line

<http://www.monash.edu.au/research/ethics/animal/moreinfo/training.html>

WILDLIFE – "Regulatory Issues and Animal Welfare " will be held on Monday 3 March, 2008.

For Biological Science students only.

To register contact the Monash AEO.

PRACTICAL TRAINING MODULES will resume in 2008.

These will be run in collaboration with Monash Animal Services.

Dates to be announced.

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3.2 Workshop for Writing Successful Monash Animal Ethics Applications

- Do you need help with your animal ethics application?
- The AEO is offering small workshops in preparing animal ethics applications step-by-step. You will be given the opportunity to workshop your next animal ethics application in a small group setting. We will explain and give examples of the what, why and how of a good application
- Contact the Monash AEO to register.

Time: 2:30pm - 4:00 pm.

Dates:

Friday 1 February 2008
Friday 7 March 2008
Friday 4 April 2008
Friday 2 May 2008
Friday 6 June 2008
Friday 4 July 2008
Friday 1 August 2008
Friday 5 September 2008
Friday 3 October 2008
Friday 7 November 2008
Friday 5 December 2008

3.3 Updated Guidelines - Conduct of Field Work; including Off-Campus, Overseas, and Collaborative Research Projects involving Monash University Personnel

These Guidelines have been updated to with new information regarding Interstate Licenses.

<http://www.monash.edu.au/research/ethics/animal/regguide/muawc.html>

“In the case of Monash Personnel working within Australian States and Territories other than Victoria, researchers must meet that particular State or Territories licensing requirements. Scientific Licences may require fees for licensing and/or nominated AEC use and all associated costs to be borne by relevant school,/faculty or institute. Licenses may take some time to be approved and researchers are advised to apply in advance. “

4. NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (NHMRC) GUIDELINES

New Guidelines NHMRC – “Guidelines to promote the wellbeing of animals used for scientific purposes” - anticipated for April 2008.

5. SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS / TRAINING COURSES

Monash - Chairing Meeting for Results

Half Day Program – Held on demand.

<http://www.adm.monash.edu.au/staff-development/ws/lm/chairmeet.html>

Monash - Role of Committee Secretaries

Half day program

20 March 2008

8 July 2008

<http://www.adm.monash.edu.au/staff-development/ws/work/rolecommsec.html>

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Bureau of Animal Welfare Animal Ethics Committee Member Training

Dates to be announced.

Monash negotiating to hold a session at Clayton campus.

Animal Welfare Science Centre Seminars

DPI Vic, Attwood, 475 Mickleham Road, Attwood

Monday 3 March 2008 "Live Export – Welfare Aspects of the live export of sheep and cattle"

Wednesday 26 March 2008 "Duty of Care – Improving public attitudes and behaviour to animals"

<http://www.animalwelfare.net.au/>

RSPCA Australia Scientific Seminar

Animals in Transit; The Journey Ahead.

Tuesday 26 February 2008

CSIRO Discovery Centre Canberra

<http://www.rspca.org.au/events/seminar2008.asp>

2008 Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research & Teaching (ANZCCART) Conference

Blue sky to deep water: the reality and the promise

Sunday 29 June to Tuesday 1 July 2008

Auckland, New Zealand.

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

6. READING /CD ROMS

Copies available from the Monash AEO upon request.

Institute Laboratory Animal Research (ILAR) Journal 49 (1) 2008

Recognition and Alleviation of Distress in Laboratory Animals

http://dels.nas.edu/ilar_n/ilarjournal/journal.shtml

Comparative Medicine 57(6) 2007

Loss of cortical function in mice after decapitation, cervical dislocation, potassium chloride injection and Co2 Inhalation. Cartner et al, page 570-573.

Pain and Distress Report– Humane Society of the United States

http://www.hsus.org/animals_in_research/pain_distress/

Isogenics – Useful information about experimental design

Author - Michael FW Festing, geneticist, statistician and laboratory animal scientist, UK

Web site to help with choice of animals and experimental design

<http://isogenic.info/index.html>


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Monash Animal Ethics Office Animal Ethics Committee Member Reading Kit

Request from the Monash AEO.

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7. HOW CAN THE ANIMAL ETHICS OFFICE HELP?

The Monash Animal Ethics Office offers the following services;

- Training in filling out the application form - Individual tutorial conducted in the animal ethics office - save time and frustration
- Advice (phone/email) on how to fill in the application form
- Advice on draft animal ethics applications - improve the passage through the animal ethics committee
- Advice on animal ethics / welfare issues
- Information and help on the Monash Animal Ethics Web Site at <http://www.monash.edu.au/research/ethics/animal/>

Please call the Monash Animal Services Laboratory Animal Veterinarians Dr Christine MacKay (Monday – Wednesday) or Dr Anne Gibbon (Thursday – Friday) for animal health / Veterinarian services. Phone: 990 54851 MAS.Vet@adm.monash.edu.au