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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 - DUE NOW

### 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>

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 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.

## 3. MONASH UNIVERSITY ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE (MUAWC)

### 3.1 Training Course in Laboratory Animal Care and Use – What if I missed this?

The Monash AEO recommends that students / staff who were required to attend the compulsory theory module "Regulatory Issues and Animal Care and Handling" but were unable to do so;

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- Request a copy of manual for the compulsory module to read and use as reference material.
- Review the CD Rom "Careful How You Hold Me"  
The CD Rom is an interactive program covering the following topics - Laws, Regulations and Codes of Practice / Husbandry / Anaesthesia, Aseptic Technique and Surgical Practice / Euthanasia, Autopsy and Disposal. We have copies available for borrowing.
- Download and read the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Australian Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for scientific purposes – the main rulebook and guide for animal investigators.  
<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/ea16syn.htm>
- Visit the Animal Ethics website, and familiarise yourself with its contents.  
<http://www.monash.edu.au/research/ethics/animal/>
- Attend the next Compulsory Theory Module – Semester 2, 2008. July 8 2008.  
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.

### 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 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

### 4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION - NATIONAL HEALTH & MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (NHMRC) GUIDELINES – MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY PRODUCTION – Comments due 20 March 2008.

The NHMRC Guidelines on Monoclonal Antibody Production (2001) have been revised, and the draft will be available for public comment. Any Monash comments on the document should be returned to the Monash AEO by 20 March for inclusion in the Monash University response.

The Guidelines responded to an emerging method of MAb production that can replace the use of animals in one of the MAb production stages. The Guidelines state that in vivo production should not

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be undertaken, however allow for certain exceptional circumstances in which it may be justifiable. While input on all parts of the guidelines are welcomed, in particular, evidence based comments are being sought on whether these exceptions are still valid.

## 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 and 8 July 2008

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

### Bureau of Animal Welfare Animal Ethics Committee Member Training

8 April 2008, 1pm to 4pm.

Monash University, Wellington Road, Clayton Campus

For Monash Animal Ethics Committee Members.

Numbers are limited so book ASAP to ensure a spot.

#### Brief Outline

- History Time Line Activity and Background of AECs
- Current legislation and Codes of Practice
- Ethics and Decision Making
- What are the 3Rs?
- Category Roles and Function
- Murphy's Video Meeting-

### 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/>

## 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 AEC.
- 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](mailto:MAS.Vet@adm.monash.edu.au)