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Mouse Clique – An Online Community for Mouse Users

There is a new website blog (also available as an RSS feed) which may be of interest to labs which breed mice, work with genetically-engineered strains, etc. Recent topics have included timed mating, proper controls for mutant strains, the basics of Cre/lox breeding, breeding/housing/care tips, genotyping, and information about mouse models of diabetes and alcoholism.

“Mouse Clique is devoted to sharing information and ideas to make our life in the laboratory easier. Here, professionals from The Jackson Laboratory offer their experience and vies on relevant research topics, trends and techniques.”

Mouse Clique, The Jackson Laboratory Community, is online at:

http://community.jax.org/jax_mice_services/b/mouse_clique/default.aspx

Happy New Year From the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee!

New Procedures for Retiring or Closing a Protocol

To close or retire a protocol, a Protocol Closure Report (PCR) needs to be completed. When a protocol is renewed via a third-year resubmission, a PCR needs to be completed to close the previous protocol. For example, you submit an eProtocol, AUP-1981-00330 for your Legacy Protocol #19810330. A PCR needs to be completed for 19810330.

A completed PCR should be emailed to the IACUC address: IACUC@austin.utexas.edu.

The PCR is available on the “Documents, Materials, and Forms” page of the IACUC website.



ORS Closed for Winter Break

12/23/11 – 01/02/12

The Office of Research Support (ORS) will be closed Friday, December 23, 2011 through Monday, January 2, 2012. No protocol processing will occur during this time period. For animal-related emergencies, contact the on-call veterinarian at the Animal Resources Center (ARC).

eProtocol Tip of the Month

How do I renew my protocol? On your eProtocol IACUC HOME page (the page you see when you first log in), look at your **Approved Protocols**. Click on the number of the protocol you wish to renew. A small window should open with several options, e.g., Open in View Mode, Protocol Details, Start Revision, Start Renewal, etc. If the option to “Start Renewal” is not available, then (1) you may not have EDIT access to this protocol, (2) a protocol revision may already be pending (a renewal cannot be submitted while a revision is in process,) or (3) it is too early to renew (protocols can only be renewed within 60 days of expiration).

To prevent a lapse in approval, your renewal must be approved prior to the expiration date. Therefore, the Committee requests that all renewal applications are submitted as early as possible.

The next Full Committee Review (FCR) is
February 13, 2012.

The deadline to submit a new protocol or third-year resubmission is **January 20, 2012.**

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