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Move-In Information Session
Department of Comparative Medicine
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DCM Personnel

- Pam Morris – Facility Director
- Laura Campbell – Assist Facility Director
- Susan Haguewood – Mgr. of Prog. Ops
- Dr. Susan Dowling – Mgr. of Rodent Health Monitoring Program
- Dr. Lesley A. Colby – Sr. Director of Animal Resources and Operations
Anticipated Timeline

- DCM granted full access to facility – Mid-April
- DCM inspects facility, reviews punch list with builder and requests necessary repairs
- IACUC inspects and approves facility
- DCM initializes, runs and monitors equipment
  - Cage wash, rack and tunnel washer, autoclaves etc.
  - Room monitoring systems
- P1 Facility decontamination/cleaning
  - 46 animal housing and procedure rooms
  - 18 rooms support space (cage washrooms, storage, offices, clinic, irradiator, locker rooms, feed/bedding storage)
- Stock housing rooms and support spaces with supplies
- Ventilated racks and transfer station delivered, mid-April – May
  - Assembly and certification by vendor is required
- Caging equipment washed and sterilized
- Animal move-in begins tentatively the first part of May
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Moving your Animals...

- We will do our best to move your animals as close to your lab move-in date as possible.

- Keep in mind that moving the animals is dependent on the animal facility being fully functional.

- Brand new facilities require ‘breaking in’ so to speak
  - We need to make sure that every piece of equipment (autoclaves, rack washers, biosafety cabinets, animal transfer stations, HVAC systems, etc.) are all working correctly.
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Moving your Animals...

- The physical move-in of your animals is done by the DCM truck and driver only.
- We will work with you on the move-in schedule for your lab.
- We will contact your lab individually to set up your move dates.
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Moving your Animals

- We will be using ‘GREEN’ index cards with “GO” to mark the cages you wish to be moved.

- You will be instructed to place these cards on the cages that need to be moved, a few days before your move.
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Moving your Animals

- We strongly suggest leaving some of your animals in your current housing facility in the beginning as well as any newborn pups or imminently ready to deliver ‘moms.’

- We encourage you to take this time for culling animals before your move.
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Working together

- We will work with you individually to assess ‘special needs’ for your group and animals that works best for you and us.
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Access to the New Facility

- Requirements for gaining access:
  - Must be on a current, approved protocol
  - Must have up-to-date training
    - Laws & Regulations
    - SPF training
  - Must have the SLU 3.1 facility orientation training
    - This is given by one of our trainers
    - Contact the training office to register
    - This should be done as a ‘lab group’ as much as possible and should begin around the end of April
Rodent Health and Facility Status

- Rodent Health Monitoring Expectations/Plans:
  - Facility will house SPF rodents
  - PPE to include dedicated scrubs; no showering required
  - There will be a Quarantine room for rodents imported from outside institutions
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Lab Space Approvals and Procedure Rooms

- IACUC approval will need to be obtained before taking animals to any spaces outside of the animal facility (e.g., lab spaces).
- 13 procedure rooms are available in the animal facility, along with storage space for equipment.
- There will be online sign-up calendars to reserve procedure space.
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- Per diem rates will be the same as in all of our facilities.
- Please refer to our website for the current biennium!
  - Depts.washington.edu/compmed
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Rodent housing

- Housing Equipment:
  - Individually Ventilated Caging
  - Allentown Mouse & Rat Units
  - Automatic Watering System
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Facility Assistance

- The facility supervisor and the animal care staff will certainly be on hand for the move-in.
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Veterinary Care

- Vet Services, sick reporting, Vet Tech/Veterinary Staff
Thank you

For further assistance or for help with any other questions, please feel free to contact us via email or phone. This information is located on the DCM Contact Information Sheet provided.

Please visit our website at depts.washington.edu/compmed for additional information.