

## Standard Operating Procedure

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Service: **Research**  
Operating Section: **IACUC**  
Unit: **LUC/HSD**  
Title: **Policies Regarding Animal Breeding Programs**

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**Purpose:**

To describe the general procedures for operation of an animal breeding colony.

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**Procedure:**

- 1) The Principal Investigator/study director must submit an ACORP (Animal Component of Research Protocol) for each strain, describing the breeding project.
- 2) When CMF staff involvement is required, special arrangements must be made with the Operations Supervisor, CMF, (see attached form) to properly prepare for those activities. These arrangements must be completed in conjunction with the research protocol.
- 3) Animal care and housing patterns must conform to the general procedures and policies of the CMF. Adjustments may be made to those procedures and policies only by the IACUC.
- 4) The principal investigator/study director is responsible for all non-standard husbandry costs, and may be required to contribute toward any special equipment required to operate the program.
- 5) Newborn animals will not be added to the census until they are weaned into their own individual cages, generally at weaning. Rodents are generally weaned at 21 to 28 days. Rabbits are generally weaned 6-8 weeks and are separated from the mother at that time either by the investigator, or the CMF staff in a prearranged pattern.

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**Comments:**

None.

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