Animal Experimentation Ethics Committee

Mandatory Training for Rodent Users

The AEEC requires all staff and students listed on approved protocols involving rodents to undertake mandatory training. Existing staff must complete training by December 31 2013.

Staff and students currently conducting practical work with rodents

Staff and students conducting the practical aspects of an approved protocol must:

- attend the animal awareness seminar and complete the online module
- complete all online rodent modules applicable to their practical work
- have their existing skills assessed by an assessor from an ANU animal facility. Basic skills include rodent handling, euthanasia, blood collection and injection techniques.

The AEEC requires existing staff to have their existing skills assessed, and online training modules completed by December 31 2013.

New Staff

Inexperienced new staff must:

- attend the animal awareness seminar and the online module
- complete the applicable online modules and full practical training courses before commencing work with rodents.

Experienced new staff must

- attend the animal awareness seminar and complete the online module
- complete the online modules applicable to their practical work
- have their skills assessed before commencing work with rodents

All staff and students listed on current, approved protocols involving rodents

Protocol principal investigators and co-signees not conducting practical work must:

- attend the animal awareness seminar and complete the online module
- complete all online rodent modules applicable to the protocol
If this training has been undertaken within the last three years at the ANU there is no requirement to complete it again. It is the responsibility of the principal investigator to keep training records for each co-signee on their approved protocol.

**Organising Training**

To arrange a skills assessment you can contact your local animal facility:

JCSMR: 6125 8197

RSB: 6125 6876

TCH: 6244 2886

Registration for online modules and full practical courses is via HORUS; please see the training schedule for specific details.

The AEEC requires re-fresher training or skills assessment to be undertaken every five years.

If you have any questions regarding training you can contact the animal ethics office on 6125 4290, or your animal facility manager on the numbers listed above.