

Animal Resource Orientation Program

The University Committee on Animal Resources and the Vivarium have developed an "Animal Resource Orientation Program." All new faculty, staff and students working with research animals must be certified to do so by attending the "Animal Resources Orientation Program" and completing the "Responsible Care and Use of Laboratory Animals Certification" quiz. Attendance at a session of the Program is mandatory for compliance with the University's Animal Welfare Assurance with the Public Health Service.

The Animal Resources Orientation Program and the Responsible Care and Use of Laboratory Animals Certification Program have been combined in order to provide a clear, up-to-date orientation.

For the schedule of these sessions, please see the Animal Resources Web Site [training page](#).

The completion of the Responsible Care and Use of Laboratory Animals Certification Program (and quiz) has been in place for all staff and students since 1986. The quiz is taken after attending the Animal Resource Orientation session. Additional training is required to gain access to the Vivarium.

UCAR adopted the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) on-line program for basic, species specific and surgery training. On January 1, 2010, all new Investigators and staff will be required to complete the CITI courses (www.citiprogram.org), 1) basic training; 2) species specific training; 3) reducing pain and distress (if working with rats and mice) and 4) aseptic surgery course (if applicable).

Species specific training available through the CITI program include: amphibians, cats, dogs, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, non-human primates, rabbits, rats and swine.

University specific training for rodent euthanasia, rodent colony management and MicroIsolator Technology (on-line and hands0on) courses are available in [Blackboard](#).

Please contact the Vivarium office at extension 5-2651 about the following:

1. Microisolator Training (hands-on training)
2. Facility Tour (sign-up [on-line](#))

Please contact the UCAR Office at extension 5-1693 about the following:

1. CITI Training
2. Blackboard
3. Primate Safety Orientation
4. Ferret DVD
5. Chicken DVD

We seek your assistance in assuring that all faculty, students and personnel working with laboratory animals at the University of Rochester participate in this program. All training must be completed before personnel can be added to UCAR approved protocol and before working with animals.

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