Training Program for Protocols Involving Rats

The completion of all training, both core and species-specific, will be documented (see Personnel Training Certification Form) in writing and readily available for review as requested by the IACUC, the USDA, etc. It is understood that Training Certification Forms will be submitted to the Office of Animal Resources (OAR) on an annual basis, upon request by the OAR.

1. Core Training and Enrollment in the Occupational Health and Safety Program

The principal investigator (PI), co-investigators, instructors, staff, students and others working with animals in association with this project will participate in the following core-training program:

- Attend an OAR Faculty or Staff/Students Core Training Presentation **OR** review applicable sections of the OAR Core Training Manual located on the OAR website at (http://www.auburn.edu/research/vpr/animals/forms/Core%20Training%20Manual%202005.pdf).
- Complete and submit the Personnel Training Certification Form to document training, education and experience of personnel involved in the project who will be working with animals.
- Enroll in the Occupational Health and Safety Program (by completion of the Occupational Health and Safety Program Enrollment Form http://www.auburn.edu/research/vpr/animals/forms/OHS%20Enrollment%20Form%202007.pdf) **and** review the AU Occupational Health and Safety Program Booklet (http://www.auburn.edu/research/vpr/animals/forms/ohsp_booklet.pdf).
- The principal investigator will review the IACUC protocol with co-investigators, instructors, staff, and students involved with the project.

2. Species-specific training

All individuals working with animals in association with this project will participate in species-specific training or document the attainment of comparable training by prior experience or education. A list of recommended training resources is provided below, but other resources may also be used. Species-specific training should be repeated as often as needed at the discretion of the principal investigator.

- Pairing individuals experienced with the animal procedures to be conducted with inexperienced individuals while the latter are being trained for their duties.
- Participation in the rat workshop conducted by Dr. Hart and staff, Division of Laboratory Animal Health (DLAH), College of Veterinary Medicine. See workshop announcements at DLAH website: http://www.vetmed.auburn.edu/lah/.
- Participation in online Laboratory Animal Training Association (LATA) module entitled "The Humane Care and Use of the Laboratory Rat" (http://www.latanet.com/client/auburn/introduction.htm).