POLICY

It is the policy of the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) to minimize the risk of injury to personnel who have contact with animals/animal tissues or fluids, to promote health, and to protect university property.

Macaque primates can carry zoonotic diseases that can cause very serious diseases in humans including but not limited to Herpes B virus (Macacine herpesvirus 1), Tuberculosis, Salmonellosis, and Measles.

Personnel who require access to macaque primates must complete the following requirements prior to admission to their housing areas:

1) Enroll in the Occupational Health and Safety Program (OHSP)
2) Complete Safety Training provided by Comparative Medicine
3) View “Primates, Protection and Personnel”, AALAS, 2004 video
4) Complete Practical Training provided by Comparative Medicine

Laboratory personnel working with macaque tissues or body fluids must complete Safety training provided by Comparative Medicine.

REFERENCE


REGULATION

The use of animals for research, teaching, and testing at UNMC /UNO is regulated by and conducted in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) of 1966 as amended, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) AWA regulations; the U.S. Public Health Service Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (PHS Policy) and the Rules of Accreditation of the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, (AAALAC International).

The PHS Policy and the AAALAC International Rules of Accreditation require UNMC/UNO to follow the National Research Council Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, (Guide 2011). The Guide indicates that an occupational health and safety program, based on “risk assessment” must be part of the overall animal care and use program. Failure to adhere to the requirements in the Guide and AAALAC International standards could result in the loss of federal funding at UNMC/UNO or loss of accreditation of the program.

PROCEDURES

1.0 For access to macaque primates:

1.1 Enroll in the Occupational Health and Safety Program (OHSP)
   A. Refer to IACUC [Policy for Occupational Health and Safety for Personnel with Animal Contact] for guidance on enrolling.

1.2 Request Category III (Non-human primate) clearance.
Requirements for Obtaining Access to Macaque Primates and/or their Tissues/Body fluids

A. Renewal is required annually
   1.3 Contact Comparative Medicine (9-4034) to arrange for training.

2.0 For access to macaque tissues or body fluids:
   2.1 Contact Comparative Medicine (9-4034) to arrange for training.