



## Fall IACUC Inspection Statistics

IACUC inspections for Fall 2008 are complete. Most of these figures show an improvement in lab conditions from Spring 2008 inspections. We thank investigators and lab staff for your cooperation during this busy time.

**Total animal rooms/areas/sites: 788**

**Active: 655 = 83%**

Of those that are active:

- **No deficiencies:** 521 = **79.5%**
- **With deficiencies:** 134 = **20.5%**
- **With multiple deficiencies:** 16 = **2.4%**

The following break-down illustrates the areas where deficiencies occurred:

- **Expired drugs and/or Expired solutions and/or supplies:** 49 = **7.48%**
- **Room needs repair** (rust, area needs to be sealed/painted, etc): **and/or Room not clean** (room cluttered/dirty): 30 = **4.58%**
- **Housing/animal issues:** 30 = **4.58%**
- **Occ Health & Safety concerns** (unsecured gas tanks, non-sanitizable surfaces, etc): 22 = **3.36%**
- **Policy Deviations:** 9 = **1.37%**
- **Anesthesia Machines Need Calibration:** 8 = **1.22%**
- **No protocols available:** 7 = **1.07%**

## Overcrowded Rodent Cages

The IACUC and Animal Care Services (ACS) has a policy regarding overcrowding of rodent cages. There are many circumstances when overcrowding exists and these circumstances vary for mice and rats. Investigators are responsible for checking their breeding colonies daily and recording the date of birth for new pups.

ACS will use an "Overcrowded Cage" card to mark cages with this problem. If the problem is not corrected within three days, ACS will correct the overcrowding, a service fee will be charged to the PI and this will be considered a non-compliance "incident". Three "incidents" within a 30 day period will be reported to the IACUC and the ACS Director. Please read the full policy at:

<http://www.iacuc.ufl.edu/AnimalUseGuides/Overcrowded%20Rodent%20Cages%20Web.pdf>

### ***Congratulations to Staff***

If you start getting emails from **Jessi Essex**, don't worry. It's just our Program Assistant, previously Emmons, who got married in December. Congrats to the happy couple!

### **myIACUC FAQs**

*How do I change my existing role in myIACUC?* If you want to add to or change your role in the myIACUC system, you must contact the IACUC office by making your request to [iacuc@grove.ufl.edu](mailto:iacuc@grove.ufl.edu). Simply selecting the box in the system will not update your role.