



## Spring 2009 IACUC Inspections begin April 1<sup>st</sup>

The IACUC will begin semiannual inspections of all animal facilities on April 1. Inspections will be conducted Monday-Thursday 9am-12noon & 1:30pm-4:30pm, and Friday 1:30pm-4:30pm. Inspections will not be done on Friday mornings or during IACUC meeting days (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month). The PI must make themselves and/or a senior lab member available.

### What will the IACUC look for during inspections? Here are some areas of concern...

- Appropriate drug storage, control, and expiration date monitoring
- Drug/controlled substances log maintained
- Expired supplies are separated, marked, and/or disposed of properly
- Use of USP grade drugs or approved justification to use non-USP
- General cleanliness and condition of room
- Annual calibration of anesthesia machines
- Approved protocols available in all labs; both paper copy and electronic version are acceptable
- Separate surgery areas for prep, procedure, and recovery
- Methods for re-sterilization of instruments between serial surgeries
- Approved euthanasia technique used properly

- Staff knowledgeable of protocol
- For housing areas, maintenance of SOPs and logs recording animal care, room cleaning, and environmental conditions
- IACUC approval letters displayed on doors if animals are housed in facilities other than ACS

For a detailed list of what the IACUC will be looking for on inspections, please see: <http://www.iacuc.ufl.edu/inspections.htm>

## New AALAS Training Modules Available

The AALAS Learning Library now has several new training modules available to UF staff. **Introduction to Ferrets** and **Working with Laboratory Zebrafish** will now be required training for individuals working with these species. The **Refresher Course: Working with the IACUC** can now be used for retraining of staff for their three-year training renewal. This course highlights the sections of the protocol which the IACUC will focus on during a renewal review. In this refresher course, many of the essential points from "Working with the IACUC" are summarized without the extensive details of the full version. The **Common Compliance Issues** course describes 9 common compliance mistakes and suggestions for prevention. Lab members are encouraged to take this course for informational purposes. All these courses can be found at <http://www.aalaslearninglibrary.org/> under UF Researchers – IACUC Training Modules.