



Texas A&M University

COMPARATIVE MEDICINE Program

The Comparative Medicine Program (CMP) enhances excellence in research and teaching at Texas A&M through high quality animal care at an affordable cost to the faculty, consistent with the standards established by the "Guide for the Care & Use of Laboratory Animals" and all pertinent local, state, and federal laws.

CMP is the centrally administered support service for research and teaching programs at Texas A&M University, College Station. CMP's facilities and services are available for all Texas A&M, College Station campus-affiliated faculty, staff, and students who have been approved to conduct animal research by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). CMP is the administrative home for the institution's federally-mandated attending veterinarian.

ANIMAL HEALTH STATUS

A number of procedures are part of the CMP animal care program that help define, monitor, and control the health status of the animal populations housed within the CMP facilities. All animals housed at the CMP facilities must have their health status defined through a current animal vendor health report or through specific testing requested by the CMP staff veterinarians. Specific-pathogen-free animal populations are the primary populations housed at CMP. The acquisition of animals from sources other than CMP-approved vendors must be coordinated through the CMP veterinary staff.

ANIMAL CARE

CMP provides controlled environments for a variety of laboratory animals. Temperature, humidity, light cycles, space,

food, water, and bedding are all monitored and maintained within established parameters. Sanitation schedules are established to ensure that cages are clean.

SURGICAL FACILITY

CMP maintains a well-equipped surgical area. The area may be used for any current, IACUC-approved surgical protocol. For additional information, contact the surgery supervisor at 979.845.7433.

SERVICES

CMP facilities offer:

- ▶ Standard laboratory animal housing and care
- ▶ Specialized (biohazard and hazardous chemical) animal housing
- ▶ Animal isolation housing

CMP services include:

- ▶ Procurement of animals and animal husbandry
- ▶ Veterinary care
- ▶ CMP surgical facilities
- ▶ Polyclonal antibody production service
- ▶ Technical support



HOURS OF OPERATION

- ▶ **Administrative Offices:** Open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed weekends and University holidays).
- ▶ **Animal care:** Provided seven days a week/365 days a year, with a duty supervisor and veterinarian on-call 24 hours a day.

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