# University of Cincinnati
## Animal Care and Use Program (ACUP)

## Post-Approval Monitoring (PAM) - Lab Self-Assessment Checklist

**This checklist may assist your lab in self-evaluating and preparing for your upcoming PAM visit.**

### Protocol and Personnel
- ☐ All personnel involved with in-vivo animal work are listed on the protocol team of the IACUC protocol
- ☐ Protocol team members have read and understand the animal use protocol
- ☐ Research staff know where to find ACUP policies and guidelines
- ☐ Research staff have completed all applicable ACUP training
- ☐ In the event of an animal medical emergency, laboratory personnel know how to contact the LAMS veterinary staff
- ☐ Protocol team familiar on reporting animal welfare concerns to the IACUC Office, LAMS Veterinarian or the UC Anonymous Reporting Hotline

### Satellite and Storage Spaces
- ☐ Satellite animal use locations are listed in the IACUC protocol
- ☐ Labs with approved **satellite housing** location(s) are familiar with the Satellite Housing policy and have a daily operations SOP readily available
- ☐ Labs with **satellite procedure** or **diet storage** location(s) are in alignment with Satellite Animal Use Areas and Diet Storage Guidelines
- ☐ Animal work area is clearly labeled, sanitized frequently and free from clutter and debris
- ☐ Supplies, medications and secondary container labeling in alignment with the Use of Expired Materials, Non-Pharmaceutical Grade Substance and Labeling policy requirements
- ☐ Lab properly storing and logging controlled substances
- ☐ Procedures in place for segregating and disposing of expired drugs and substances

### Animal Care
- ☐ Research staff familiar with LAMS expectations for colony management (weaning, enrichment, etc.)
- ☐ Research staff familiar with offspring reporting process
- ☐ Animals are being monitored as described in the experiment of the IACUC protocol

### Anesthesia, Surgery
If your lab performs recovery surgery:
- ☐ Lab members familiar with the Survival Animal Surgery and Rodent Anesthesia and System guidelines
- ☐ Protocol team members performing or assisting in surgery or post-operative care have completed the required Principles of Surgery training
- ☐ Surgical area has dedicated separate areas for prep/recovery and surgery
- ☐ Animal is prepped by clipping fur and disinfection of surgical site
- ☐ Lab provides heat source intra and post op
- ☐ Surgical instruments are sterilized and in a wrapped pack or pouch
- ☐ Sterile surgical packs are labeled and dated appropriately
- ☐ Surgical records up to date and available to review
- ☐ Proper maintenance of equipment (hoods, vaporizers)
- ☐ Gas cylinders secured
- ☐ Analgesia regimen and post-operative monitoring in alignment with IACUC protocol

**Check out the Animal Care and Use Program's Bearcat Landing page for up-to-date information!**