

Laboratory animal facilities grant insert

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville laboratory animal facilities are registered with the United States Department of Agriculture (63-R-0105) and have an assurance on file with the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (D16-00397). The animal care and use program at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is fully accredited by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, International (AAALAC-I). The animal care and use program includes The University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville, TN; College of Education, Health and Human Sciences; College of Arts and Sciences; College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM); College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources; and Agricultural Research and Education Centers (Dairy, Greenville, Highland Rim, East TN, Middle TN, and Plateau).

Animals are cared for by veterinary technicians and American Association of Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS)-certified laboratory animal technicians that are supervised by an AALAS-certified laboratory animal technologist. These caretakers work under the supervision of veterinarians who have experience in laboratory animal facility administration and management. Veterinary care is provided by two licensed veterinarians. Laboratory animal facilities at the University of Tennessee meet and exceed NIH and U.S. Public Health Service standards for the humane care and use of laboratory animals. All animals housed in the dedicated animal facilities are obtained from approved vendors and are free from pathogens to which they are susceptible (viruses, bacteria, parasites, etc.). A rodent sentinel health surveillance program is used to verify the absence of these infectious agents in rodents. Larger species are vaccinated appropriately and tested annually for infectious diseases to which they are susceptible.