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UCDAVIS
RESEARCH AND TEACHING
ANIMAL CARE PROGRAM
• **What is AAALAC?**
  - AAALAC International is a private, nonprofit organization
  - Promotes the humane treatment of animals in science through voluntary accreditation and assessment programs

• **Why is Accreditation Important?**
  - When research programs are accredited, they are demonstrating they meet the minimum standards required by law, and are *also* going the extra step to achieve excellence in animal care and use
  - *Opportunity!*
• Voluntary Accreditation
  • UCOP mandates that all UC campuses are accredited
• Site visits every three years
• Currently approximately 1000 accredited facilities worldwide
• UCD first accredited in 1966
  • Unit number 29
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• Comprehensive review of our veterinary care program (research & teaching animals)
• Comprehensive review of our compliance program
• Comprehensive review of safety and security as it relates to our animal care and use program
• Meeting with the IACUC, veterinary staff, top campus administrators and campus research and safety partners
• Visiting all campus vivarias
• Visiting many laboratories
Program Scope in Animal Numbers

- Over 5 million animals covered by protocols
  - 4.5 million fish
  - 500,000 frogs
  - 83,000 mice
  - 8,000 rats
  - 4,100 nonhuman primates
  - 2,800 Cows
  - 1,300 Dogs
  - 1,000 Horses
  - 900 Sheep
  - 750 Cats
Program Scope in People and Projects

- 1567 active research, teaching and clinical trial protocols
- 515 Principal investigators
- 3,197 support staff
- 515 investigators
- 46 Vivaria
- 256 Investigator Laboratories
Program Scope in Research $$

• 23.6% of the grant dollars coming to campus involve animal research
• 2018
  • $199,715,845
  • Total grant dollars
    • $846,723,001
Will they visit your lab??

- High probability
  - Survival surgery
  - Behavior studies

- Potentially any lab where live vertebrate animal work is conducted
How do I prepare?
Make sure you are:

- Following your IACUC approved protocol
- Following Campus and IACUC Policies and Guidelines
- Following your facility and laboratory SOPs
- Correctly labelling cage cards especially, if hazards are present
- Documenting individual training records
- Ensuring protocol rosters are current

Campus and IACUC policy resource:
Thank Research

If:
• you take a medicine to treat allergies
• your dog doesn’t have fleas
• your grandmother has a new hip
• you’ve taken medicine to stop an ache
• you’ve never had the measles
• you’ve never breathed with the help of an iron lung
• you don’t know what bubonic plague is
• you control your diabetes with insulin
• you take vitamins
• your dad has recovered from a heart attack
• your great aunt survived breast cancer
• your doesn’t have feline leukemia
• your grandpa has had bypass surgery
• your friend has had a stem cell transplant
• you’ve had a broken bone repaired
• you don’t have ulcers
• you’ve had an operation
• you slept through the whole thing

you feel great today!!!!

Celebrating the people, the process and the promise

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