Memorandum

TO: Individuals Listed on IACUC Protocols

FROM: Jay Frerotte
Director, Environmental Health and Safety

DATE: May 27, 2004

RE: University of Pittsburgh Animal Exposure Surveillance Program

Since January 2003, the University of Pittsburgh has implemented an Animal Exposure Surveillance Program to obtain relevant occupational health and safety information from animal users, so that occupationally indicated immunizations and clinical evaluations can be provided to all animal users. Program enrollment via a health questionnaire and clinical assessment is designed to protect individuals or minimize the affects of the known hazards of working with animals, including infectious diseases and animal allergies.

Enrollment in the Animal Exposure Surveillance Program occurs at the Employee Health Services Clinic 3708 Fifth Ave., Medical Arts Building, Suite 500.59, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 between 7:30 am and 3:00pm Monday through Friday. The completed Animal Exposure Surveillance Program Health Questionnaire should be given to the Clinic worker at the time of the clinical assessment at Employee Health. Do not send the completed form via campus mail or give the completed form to your supervisor or the Department of Environmental Health and Safety.

The health information obtained from your health questionnaire and clinical assessment is handled with the strictest confidence and in compliance with the applicable regulations. Your personal and medical information will only be available to those clinical care providers in Employee Health Services with a need-to-know.

If you have questions regarding the medical or clinical aspects of this program, please contact Dr. Yolanda Lang at the Employee Health Services, 412-647-3407. If you have questions regarding the administration of the program, contact Environmental Health and Safety. Thank you in advance for your compliance with this comprehensive occupational health program designed specifically for animal workers.

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