

Emergency Response Plan Overview

Purpose:

To describe the general procedures for emergency preparedness and the handling of experimental animals.

Procedure:

- 1) In the event of any situation that may potentially affect the health or well-being of animals housed in the ACF facilities, the following personnel must be contacted for instructions. Contact information is listed in the "ACF Emergency Response Guide". Individuals acknowledging the emergency situation should attempt to call the first person on the list, and proceed until someone have been successfully contacted.
 - a. James Robinson, ACF Manager
 - b. Anthony Siko, ACF Director
 - c. Dr. Jeff Oswald, DVM, Veterinarian
- 2) Supervisory staff will notify other personnel included in the specific emergency situation.
- 3) Every attempt will be made to maintain environmental conditions required to keep animals in their housing locations. If necessary, animals may be temporarily relocated under supervision of the ACF staff. If conditions necessitate, animals may be relocated to affiliated institutions. Principal Investigators will be notified within 24 hours of animal relocation or as soon as possible thereafter.
- 4) In the event of any emergency that may have the potential to permanently alter the physiologic parameters of experimental animals, memoranda detailing the experimental complications will be prepared by the ACF Director and distributed to Principal Investigators, the IACUC, and the Institutional Official within 24 hours.