

MEMO: Animal Holding Areas

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TO: All CUHK Animal Users

FROM: Animal Experimentation Ethics Committee

The Animal Experimentation Ethics Committee (AEEC) has recently received concerns on keeping animals overnight in the laboratory.

Under Animal Experimentation Regulations at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, “Animals must be housed in appropriately designed areas and enclosures and cared for by trained animal care personnel and veterinary staff.” Appropriate animal housing and management are essential contributors to animal well-being, the quality of animal research and production, and the health and safety of personnel. There are specific requirements on the temperature, humidity, lighting, ventilation for laboratory animal housing under the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (National Research Council, 2011).

Please find below the approved list of animal holding areas (mammal):

Building/Area name	Rooms
Shanghai Fraternity Association Research Services Centre (LASEC)	G03 (ABSL2), 1/F 105A-F; 106-107; 4/F 403, 407, 409
Lo Kwee-Seong Integrated Biomedical Sciences Building (SBS-AHC)	719-731
Lui Che Woo Clinical Sciences Building (PWH-LRU)	24157-24158; 24181-24184; 24196, 24198-24199; 24193 (Pig)
Cancer Centre (PWH-Cancer Centre)	301D, 411B
Run Run Shaw Science Building (RRSSB)	G15A, LG112, 111
Green House and Animal House (Greenhouse)	11, 12, 13
Hong Kong Eye Hospital (OVS)	405B-D

No animals should be kept outside animal holding areas overnight without approval from the AEEC. In addition, animals should only be brought to experiment locations listed on the AEEC procedure forms and the Animal License.

Figure 1. Locations on the AEEC procedure form

C.	Location i. Prior to experimentation Bldg. Room ii. During experimentation Bldg. Room	Lo Kwee-Seong Integrated Biomedical Sciences Building Room 729 Lo Kwee-Seong Integrated Biomedical Sciences Building Room 729
D.	Procedures	

Figure 2. Places listed on the Animal License

<p>Place(s) where experiment(s) may be conducted</p> <p>7/F, Lo Kwee-Seong Integrated Biomedical Sciences Building, The Chinese University of Hong Kong</p>

Animals should be returned to the approved housing area after experiments. Ideally, this should be done during the ‘lights-on’ cycle, so as not to disturb other animals in holding. If animals are returned late, please do so under red light. Please also make sure that your animals have access to food and water.

Please contact the AEEC secretariat office (aeec@med.cuhk.edu.hk/3943_0580) if you have any questions regarding to your approved AEEC locations.

References

National Research Council (2011). Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals: Eighth Edition. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.