

PLATFORM RULES

Animal House FMUC/CNC

Opening hours:

Work days (Mon-Fri): 8:00 – 12:30 / 13:30 – 16:00

Weekend and holidays: 8:00 – 12:00

Animal House CNC_UC-BIOTECH

Work days (Mon-Fri): 9:00 – 13:00 / 14:00 – 17:00

Weekend and holidays: 9:00 – 13:00

Animals have an intrinsic value and are sentient creatures and therefore must be respected. The use of animals for scientific purposes is regulated in Portugal and requires that the establishments where the animals are housed, the people who use them, as well as the projects in which they are involved must be previously authorized by the Directorate General of Food and Veterinary (DGAV), which is the competent authority responsible for implementing legislation on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes.

The production, supply and use of animals for scientific purposes must be in accordance with Directive 2010/63 / EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2010 which has been transposed into law through Decree-Law No. 113/2013 of 7 August.

Only animals that are associated with a research project may be used for scientific purposes. The application for authorization of a project must be sent to ORBEA (ORBEA@cnc.uc.pt) by the principal investigator. The application must include the following duly completed documentation:

- DGAV licensing form for animal research / experimentation projects.
- ORBEA form containing information on the elements provided for in Annex VII of Decree-Law No. 113/2013.

After validation correction, ORBEA will submit a response within 20 business days.

Access permission to the Animal Facilities is granted only to personnel and researchers with training, accreditation and competence in Laboratory Animal Science. The request for access permission is made by email to bioterio@fmed.uc.pt / bioterio.uc-biotech@cnc.uc.pt, FMUC/CNC and CNC_UC-BIOTECH Animal House respectively. Entry of persons without training, accreditation by DGAV or without a certificate of competency (visiting students or researchers) is limited to entry with their supervisor.



Access permit may be withdrawn if situations of non-compliance with the rules of operation of the Animal Facility occur.

The use of personal protective equipment is mandatory in all areas of the animal Facility. To access the experimental area is required to wear disposable gown, cap and shoe covers, plus mask and gloves.

Reservations for procedure rooms, equipment (including anesthetic or other surgical support equipment) and consumables must be made by at least 48 hours in advance. Drug ordering is made at least 24 hours in advance.

The purchase of animals from certified suppliers has to be authorized by the animal house. Animal import orders must be made at least two weeks in advance. Entry of animals will depend on the animals health report, space available for housing and the existence of a project approved by DGAV. After approval by the designated veterinarian, the import and transport procedure is the responsibility of the principal researcher.

The request for animal housing in procedures room must be made at least 7 days in advance and for daily use of animals should be at least 24 hours in advance. Requested animals are left by the animal facility staff in the experimental rooms or delivered by hand.

The animals are identified individually. Individual marking methods are: ear hole, numbered earring, tattoo or color markers. Amputation of digits is not allowed.

All animal crates have an identification sheet for the animals housed where all observations made by the technical staff regarding animal welfare and all manipulations / techniques / observations performed by the researcher should be recorded.