Animal Care and Use Facilities  
University of Maryland  
College Park, MD 20742

Dear Investigators;

I am pleased to announce the beginning of our new Post Approval Monitoring Program (PAM) for the University of Maryland’s Animal Care and Use Facilities. The purpose of PAM is to monitor procedures, experiments, husbandry and general daily activities of approved protocols and SOPs.

Criteria for protocol and SOP selection will be based on the following, but not limited to:

- Survival Surgery  
- USDA Pain Categories D and E  
- Previous compliance issues  
- USDA regulated species  
- Exceptions to the Guide  
- Experimentally caused morbidity/mortality  
- Food/water restriction  
- Long term restraint

Facilities that do not meet the criteria above will be selected at random.

The majority of visits will be unannounced, as we are focused on taking a snap-shot of daily facility activities. The PAM program differs from the IACUC Semiannual inspections, in that PAM focuses on approved protocols and SOPs. The PAM auditor will work with investigators and their staff to correct non-compliance issues and help implement guidelines and procedures to prevent issues in the future.

We will focus on educating researchers on ways to prevent experimental drift, keeping their activities in compliance with approved protocols and SOPs. We will also work to develop training opportunities for researchers and serve as a resource to enhance their research experience.

I look forward to meeting with all of you as we endeavor to improve the care and use of animals on campus.

Sincerely,

Janna Barcelo