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Mission Statement:
The Animal Care Program will distribute a monthly update to identify animal program changes, upcoming University functions (such as semi-annual inspections), available resources, and to provide tips on maintaining a high quality Animal Care Program.

If you have issues you’d like to see covered or any have suggestions for this newsletter please contact the IACUC manager.

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Did you know? On the bottom left hand side of IRBnet there are Step by Step instructions on how to submit certain documents such as Amendments, Closures, and Annual Reports. Follow the simple easy to follow instructions to make the most out of IRBnet. Just open Forms and Templates in the blue left hand menu and see all the helpful hints to get your documents submitted properly. **Make sure you are looking in the right department** Look for College Park, IACUC Documents for Researchers, in the pull down menu.

Going to the Maryland State Fair This Year?

Make sure you stop by the Cow Palace and see our University of Maryland own Dairy Cows. Daily Milking Demos will be given. Also see our University of Maryland Staff and students working the Birthing Pens. If you are lucky, you may see some cows delivered right in front of you!

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The New BIOENGINEERING building, which is currently under construction, is planned to have a brand-new vivarium, the Central Animal Resource Facility and staff as well as state of the art animal holding areas and procedure rooms. Looking forward to the progress as construction is well under way.

Why Do we Use IRBnet?

IRBnet is an online system that allows the IACUC office the ability to perform several compliance checks required by Federal mandates. It has the ability to track the USDA regulated animals that University of Maryland uses along with their locations. This is why it is so important that you fill out your IRBnet forms completely and accurately as possible. At any given time, we are subjected to impromptu inspections and data requests. It also gives the staff and emergency personnel housing and husbandry information, in particular in the event of emergencies.

New Teachers Aides? New Graduate Student Working in your lab?

The fall 2015 College session is about to begin. Do you have a new undergraduate or graduate student working in your lab? If so, make sure you update your protocols to reflect all personnel the are handling animals, or animal tissues. Make sure your staff has had the proper species specific training, PI/Animal Users Class and has been cleared by Occupational Heath to work on your project or with your students. Amendments must be filed with the IACUC reflecting the any change in Key Personnel.

The average Holstein cow produces around 23,000 pounds of milk (2,674 gallons) of milk each lactation. Or about 9 gallons of milk a day.

The world record for milk production was set by a Holstein cow in 2010 when a cow from Wisconsin, produced 72,170 pounds in one year.