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I. PURPOSE

1. The following outlines the proper procedures for assignment of identification to laboratory animals.

II. RESPONSIBILITY

1. The Program Assistant is responsible for assigning all non-rodent and USDA-regulated rodent species a unique intramural identification number at the time animals are ordered.
2. The research staff are responsible for assigning all non-regulated rodent species a unique intramural identification number if individual identification is required.
3. All program staff contribute to successful compliance with this policy.

III. ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

1. Non-rodent and USDA-regulated rodent animals are identified by a unique intramural USF identification number assigned by the Program Assistant, indicating federal fiscal year received, species, and cumulative number used.
2. All cage cards must include the requesting PI, the IACUC file number, date of arrival, the source, species or strain, sex, weight or age, and should include identifying features, permanent markings, and information regarding experimental procedures.
3. All primary animal housing units shall have a cage card affixed to the outside of the enclosure to identify the animals within the unit. Exceptions include: non-human primates which can be identified by placing magnetic cage cards on the housing



technology makes tracking large number of animals and data easy when interfaced with compatible computer software. In the case of naked mole rats, the microchip number will be assigned a corresponding intramural ID, a record of which will be maintained by the Program Assistant.

Approved:

Date: