Animal Welfare and Research Committee

In case of natural disaster, the plan for handling the research animals at LBNL can be found in our emergency response plan.

The AWRC meets once a month and consists of staff scientists at the Lab, the Animal Colony consulting veterinarian, the Animal Colony manager, HARC staff, and a public member. Federal regulations concerning scientific research using animals may be found here.

Please note that the HARC office has moved. If you need to send a paper item through the mail to the HARC office use the mailstop 50A-1148. The office is physically located in 50A-1145

Human/Animal Research Committee (HARP)

The HARC office uses an online database for managing animal use protocols: the Human/Animal Research Protocol management system, or HARP. If you are on an LBNL computer and logged into anything (gmail, calendar, etc.) where you have already typed in your LDAP password, the HARP system can be accessed through opening a web page and typing in the url goapp/harp. Once on the HARP page, look for the tiny light blue ‘login’ in the upper right corner and click on this. If you are on a non-LBNL computer, you can get access from offsite either by logging on to your LBNL computer remotely, or through the use of Virtual Private Network (VPN) software, available to LBNL employees from the IT Division website. You may call the HARC office at x5399 or send email to harc@lbl.gov with any questions. Here is a users manual, which may be of some use to you. The first few times you use the HARP protocol submission system it may be challenging, particularly with the concept of arms/groups where you can separate your different groups of animals by species or strain or experimental path.

All principle lead investigators and their protocol personnel must have accounts and profiles on the HARP system by HARC staff. Please send us all the information requested in this role and account information document for each person listed on the protocol, including the protocol lead investigator, to harc@lbl.gov. Here is a twelve page HARP manual that you might find useful in navigating around the HARP system. This is a work in progress, so if you have any suggestions for additions or clarifications, please contact Dianna Bolt, dgbolt@lbl.gov, with your feedback.

Reviews: Note that reviews of all new protocols and triennial renewals are done by the full AWRC at monthly convened meetings. Certain types of collaborative protocols and protocol modifications can be done via a different review process. See here for the categories covered by such reviews.