

The DLAM Sentinel

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Save the Date – DLAM Seminar on Recognizing Rodent Pain / Distress and Common Rodent Health Conditions

If you missed this seminar last Spring, or you are new to caring for rodents since then, please save the date for an important free seminar on recognizing pain and distress and common health conditions in your mouse and rat colonies. Also included, how to report to DLAM any health concerns you may find; how to record treatment for ongoing health cases; how to properly fill out cards and post-it notes for cage-side communication. We'll also review some commonly prescribed treatments for health problems; and, of course, answer your questions! If you are somewhat new to rodent care or even an expert and still have some questions, please plan on attending or sending at least one member of your lab staff who provides care for your animals.

WHEN: Monday, Nov 13th, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

WHERE: CHS (Center for Health Sciences) 53-105 lecture hall

WHO: Anyone providing care for research rodents and rodent colonies

WHY: To provide better care for your animals, and obtain better-quality data as a result.

RSVP (requested but not required): by email to jreeves@mednet.ucla.edu

Cookies will be served; bring your favorite beverage.

DLAM Emergency Phone Tree

Please take note of the DLAM Emergency Phone Tree number of **310-825-2200**, and use this for all veterinary or facility emergencies. This line is in operation 24/7, including after-hours, on the weekends or over any holiday. **The on-call vet pager (9-6545) is no longer in service.** Please update all laboratory documents, signs and cell phone contacts to reflect this change. Thank you!

If You Need Help Over the Holidays...

If you know that your personnel in charge of caring for your animals will be unavailable for all or part of Thanksgiving or Winter Closure, contact DLAM now! Health cases for rodents will continue to be sent during this time. We can arrange to treat or euthanize any animals found sick or injured, as you instruct. Contact Anastasia Schimmel at ASchimmel@mednet.ucla.edu by 11/17 for Thanksgiving and by 12/15 for the Winter Closure. (Labs will be charged for technician time and any supplies used.)

Holiday DLAM Schedules for November and December

Please note the following schedule changes for the 2017-2018 holiday periods.

Vendor orders: THANKSGIVING Holiday Week: There will **not** be any Vendor Deliveries. The order deadline for animals to arrive on November 28th & 29th, 2017 delivery is **Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR Holidays Weeks: Vendor Deliveries will **NOT** occur from **December 22nd, 2017 through January 1st, 2018.**

The **last** delivery dates for 2017 are **December 19th & 20th**, depending on the vendor. The **order deadline** for those delivery dates is **December 12th, 2017.**

The **first** delivery date for 2018 will be **January 2nd.** The **order deadline** for that delivery date is **December 19th, 2017.**

All orders placed between the dates of 12/20/2017 and 01/02/2018 will be processed to arrive on 01/09/2018 as space allows.

Imports/Exports: There will be NO IMPORTS OR EXPORTS DURING NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2017!

The last import and export date for the year will be 11/2/2017. **The email addresses of Import & Export will not be monitored until January 3rd, 2018.**

Dr. Torres will be the emergency contact via email only.
CTorresUrbano@mednet.ucla.edu

Both Imports and Exports will begin again on January 3rd, 2018.

This document is posted on the DLAM website under Announcements. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Tensie Palmer at x42571, tpalmer@mednet.ucla.edu, as soon as possible.

DLAM staff will be observing the UCLA Winter Closure schedule, with reduced staff working on the announced university holidays of Dec. 25th, 26th, 29th and Jan 1st. This may cause a shift of what day your rodent room is changed for these two weeks. If you have a question or concern, please contact the Animal Resource Supervisor for your vivarium. Health case notices will continue to be sent, and lab staff are expected to be available to respond.

The Clin Path lab will be closed (not accepting samples) Nov. 21st – 24th, Dec. 25th – 29th and Jan. 1st. If you have questions, please contact DLAMLab@mednet.ucla.edu.

The DLAM Pharmacy will also be closed on the university holidays. **Please plan ahead and have common medications and supplies on-hand for any health cases.** For urgent needs, page 94434 or use the DLAM Emergency Phone Tree and contact the on-call vet.