Title: Animal Care Program Requirements for Personnel Working with Live, Vertebrate Animals

I. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to outline the minimum requirements for training for personnel working with live, vertebrate animals. The focus of this standard of care is to outline the requirements for animal care staff, veterinary staff and others working in an animal facility in an animal care or veterinary care capacity in the UC Davis Animal Care Program.

II. Policy:

All persons working with live, vertebrate animals must be trained to ensure competency. The Principal Investigator must make sure that the specific training related to the species used and tasks performed is documented for everyone listed on his/her Animal Use and Care Protocol before they work with live, vertebrate animals.

III. Procedure:

Refer to the IACUC website for the following training policies:
Training requirements for personnel exposed to live, vertebrate animals:
http://safetyservices.ucdavis.edu/ps/a/IACUC/po/trpelva/trpelvainfo

The principal investigator’s training responsibilities for animal care and use:
http://safetyservices.ucdavis.edu/ps/a/IACUC/po/tres/trainingResponsibilities

The following training record template may be used as a guide for training documentation:
http://safetyservices.ucdavis.edu/ps/a/IACUC/quicklinks/formsAnimalCareUse

All Units are required to provide training to their animal care and veterinary staff and other staff that may contact live vertebrate animals that are part of the UC Davis Animal Care Plan. For the purposes of this procedure “On the Job Training” (OJT) means, read any standard operating procedures or other written documentation if it exists, have someone show you how (demonstration), perform the task under supervision, demonstrate proficiency under supervision and then proceed to unsupervised work. A written training plan is the preferred method of documenting the process, but may not be all inclusive for all OJT, and should be considered a living document that is frequently updated.