

## SERVICES, PER DIEMS, EQUIPMENT AND FEES

### Division of Comparative Medicine

Consult the Facility Manager to arrange for services, equipment, and supplies.  
Animal orders should be placed at [Animalorders@usf.edu](mailto:Animalorders@usf.edu), telephone 974-3844, fax 905-9894.

#### Services

- 1. Technical Assistance:** To be considered, a technical service request must be received >24 hours in advance of the requested service. Requests received <24 hours in advance may only be filled at the additional cost of \$75/service. Assistance by staff is provided as follows, @ \$34/hour for mouse colony management services, tail-snips, tail tattoos, administrations, tissue or specimen collection, and for rodent postoperative monitoring, recordkeeping, and analgesic administrations with no supply costs during regular business hours when arranged in writing 24 hours in advance, and @ \$40/hour for peri-operative surgical assistance. Murine CBCs are run @ \$34/hour & \$10.00/specimen and serum chemistries at the same costs plus serum panel supply costs. Technical assistance outside normal working hours (e.g., weekends and holidays) is charged at 1.5 times these rates. Technical assistance provided by a veterinarian and administrative and clerical assistance are provided at these rates. Assistance with resolution of animal health concerns initiated by veterinarians and provided by program staff is provided at no charge. Requests for additional IACUC-approved uses (e.g., acute instruction, tissue derivations) involving USDA regulated species must be received 24 hours in advance and will result in a minimum \$98/dual-use fee.
- 2. Procedural Areas:** Use of the animal procedural, testing, and surgical suites within animal facilities is on a first-come basis, but rooms can be reserved by contacting the animal facility manager. There is no charge for this intermittent use. These same or other areas, including housing rooms, can be occupied for >24 hours @ \$10.00/sq. ft/month. At the program's discretion, a \$98/day preparation and clean-up fee is assessed for some procedural areas.
- 3. Quarantine & Testing:** Rodents from unapproved vendors require quarantine, the per diems of which are charged at the nonstandard box rate. Cost of health evaluations and treatments (e.g., antiparasitic agents, serology, medicated chow) is a minimum of \$690 per shipment but is calculated based on the number of animals received and the treatments and evaluations performed and may involve box & shipping charges if not absorbed by the sending institution.
- 4. Shipping/Transport:** All inter-institutional animal relocations are coordinated by Comparative Medicine and subject to shipping container, handling fees, and actual costs (e.g., rodent containers @ \$93, domestic handling @ \$93 and international handling @ \$361). Gratis receipts from approved vendors are charged @ \$90 without the 15% resale administrative fee.

#### Equipment & Supplies

Environmental Chambers assigned to an individual PI are provided at \$11/chamber/month. Portable Equipment removed from a facility, provided to a laboratory for its temporary sole use, is charged \$26/piece of equipment/day. Imaging at the COM facility (e.g., IVIS, Vevo, & iThera) is charged @ \$20.00 per day. Space and equipment should be reserved in advance by contacting the facility manager.

#### Animal Housing Per Diems (effective July 1<sup>st</sup>)

| Species                                       | FY 23-24 | FY 24-25 | FY 25-26 | FY 26-27 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cat   | 5.46     | 6.00     | 6.60     | 7.26     |
| Dog, Calf, Goat, Sheep, Swine*                | 13.48    | 17.41    | 19.14    | 21.05    |
| Ferret  | 5.46     | 6.00     | 6.60     | 7.26     |
| Finch/Sparrow, per cage*                      | 0.52     | 0.57     | 0.63     | 0.69     |
| Finch/Sparrow, per flight cage*               | 4.45     | 4.90     | 5.39     | 5.93     |
| Fish, per tank                                | 0.18     | 0.20     | 0.22     | 0.24     |
| Fish, per nonstandard tank                    | 0.28     | 0.31     | 0.34     | 0.37     |
| Frog, per tank                                | 3.55     | 3.91     | 4.30     | 4.73     |
| Gerbil, per box                               | 1.58     | 1.74     | 1.91     | 2.10     |
| Guinea Pig, per group (up to 4)               | 4.92     | 5.41     | 5.95     | 6.55     |
| Guinea Pig, single                            | 2.53     | 2.78     | 3.06     | 3.37     |
| Hamster, per box                              | 1.58     | 1.74     | 1.91     | 2.10     |
| Mice, per box                                 | 0.74     | 0.81     | 0.89     | 0.98     |
| Mice, per nonstandard box*                    | 1.20     | 1.32     | 1.45     | 1.60     |
| Pigeon  | 1.91     | 2.10     | 2.31     | 2.54     |
| Primate                                       | 13.47    | 14.82    | 16.30    | 17.93    |
| Rabbit  | 4.55     | 5.00     | 5.50     | 6.05     |
| Rat, Gbl, Hmstr, SM, NMR per box              | 1.16     | 1.28     | 1.41     | 1.55     |
| Rat, Gbl, Hmstr, SM, NMR per nonstandard box* | 1.69     | 1.86     | 2.05     | 2.25     |

\*Nonstandard box rates apply when special husbandry is required/requested (e.g., static microisolators, quarantine, immunodeficient isolation, ABSL-2, caretaker status, non-automated fed tanks). \*One bird per extra small cage, two birds per small cage, or three breeding pair or ≤ ten juveniles/females per flight cage.

**Administrative Fees:** A 15% administrative fee is assessed to all sales (i.e., animal/supply/drug resales) charged to USF, Moffitt, or Haley VAH accounts. A 100% administrative fee is assessed to the total (i.e., sales + per diems + services) invoiced to all other accounts. Cancellations ≤10 calendar days prior to scheduled events are charged a cancellation fee at the program's discretion.

**Cost estimates are for budgetary, informational purposes only and are never firm quotes of anticipated actual costs.**