

House Rules

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Animal house rules – must be signed by students and recorded by staff

Authorised staff and students must be trained in the procedures for working in the Animal Houses.

- This training must be recorded.
Accessing the Animal House
- Students are not permitted to enter the Animal House without the permission AND supervision of their lecturer.
- Doors to Animal Houses must be kept closed except when entering or leaving.
- NEVER open Animal House doors unless all animals are under control.
Personal Protective Clothing (PPE)
- Put on the necessary PPE on entering the Animal House (such as protective coats, disposable gloves, masks and eyewear).
- PPE must be removed and disposed of in the correct waste containers. Re-usable clothing should be replaced in the correct storage location or discarded into laundry bag as directed. Masks should be the last item removed.
Animal Handling
- BEFORE being permitted to handle animals, staff and students must provide written evidence of an up-to-date tetanus toxoid immunisation.
- Hay fever, asthma or 'animal related' allergy sufferers must inform the College and seek medical advice before entering the Animal House. Allergy sufferers must provide written evidence from a GP to show that they are not at risk when working in the Animal House.
- Animals must not be handled or fed by students without permission and supervision of the lecturer in charge of the class.
- Animal bites and scratches must be reported to the lecturer in charge of the class.
- Avoid carrying animals in open stock cages between rooms. Transfer them to a clean, covered cage or box or use enclosed transport trolleys if available in the Animal House.
- Keep work areas clean. All waste must be disposed of promptly and correctly into waste containers.
- Students not behaving in a responsible manner will be excluded from the Animal House.
Hygiene
- NEVER eat, drink or take medications when in the Animal House.
- ALWAYS wash your hands, even if you have worn gloves, on leaving the Animal House.