SOP Title: Post-Approval Monitoring

Purpose: To ensure animal care and use are complying to AEC approved protocols, policy, local guideline and legislation.

Responsibility: APCF staff, AEC members and animal users

Related SOP: H-001 Rodent Importation and Quarantine
O-026 Respective Responsibility of APCF Staff and Animal Users in APCF Animal Rooms

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1. Policy

1.1. To ensure that all animals in all locations of HKUST, including but not limited to APCF, satellite facilities and laboratories, have been approved for importation or come from HKUST animal facilities (please see SOPs H-001 Rodent Importation and Quarantine).

1.2. To ensure all animal care is humane and complies with the Hong Kong’s Code of Practice for Care and Use of Animals for Experimental Purposes.

1.3. To ensure all animal use is ethical and complies with the users’ License 2 conditions and their AEC approved protocols.

2. Duties of animal care staff

2.1. Daily inspection of animals (please see SOP O-026 Respective Responsibility of APCF Staff and Animal Users in APCF Animal Rooms).

3. Duties of animal users

3.1. Take responsibility for the humane care of ethical use as per policy and SOPs H-001 Rodent Importation and Quarantine and O-026 Respective Responsibility of APCF Staff and Animal Users in APCF Animal Rooms.

4. Duties of AEC members
4.1. To ensure the HKUST animal care and use program complies with the Hong Kong’s *Code of Practice for Care and Use of Animals for Experimental Purposes.*

5. **Duties of APCF senior staff**

5.1. To ensure all animal care is humane and animal use is ethical. This will include but not limited to random visits of satellite facilities where photos may be taken and users interviewed.