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Dear PIs and researchers

We would like to flag for your attention the following 2 matters :

**1 Animal transfers from breeding to research protocols**

During post-approval monitoring (PAM), the IACUC has found that several PIs have been performing experimental procedures on animals belonging to breeding protocols. This is a non-compliance - animals in breeding protocols are solely for breeding. Please complete CM's animal transfer form to effect the transfer of animals from breeding to research protocols, before procedures on these animals are carried out.

**2 Animals overlooked when cleaning cages**

Recently, there have been several incidents of animals inadvertently overlooked and left in cages headed for disposal of the bedding and cleaning of the cages. Fortunately, these animals have been noticed by CM staff but it is **imperative** that the cages are checked (and double-checked) to ensure they are 'animal-free' before placing them on the collection rack for dirty cages. Although CM staff monitor the collection rack, the onus is on the PI and team to exercise due diligence to ensure that such incidents do not recur.

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