



Small Animal Research Facility

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University of Maine System & Federal Program Service Rates *Effective October 1, 2023*

	Service	Unit Type	Rate per Unit	Additional Information
Animal Per Diem*	Mouse Cage: Non-Barrier w/ Wire Top	Cage	\$ 0.78	
	Mouse Cage: Autoclaved Barrier Top	Cage	\$ 0.80	A volume discount of 10% will be applied to units over 100 per week. The first 100 units will be billed at the applicable full rate and a 10% discount will be applied to units 101 and above.
	Mouse Cage: IVC Rack	Cage	\$ 0.80	
	Individual Rat	Animal	\$ 1.15	
	Individual Rabbit	Animal	call	
Other Services	Anesthesia Machine	Hour	call	
	Surgical Room Reservation	Hour	\$ 17.00	
	Lab Manager Consultation/Labor	Hour	\$ 30.00	

Items to Note

Pre-payments are not allowed under any circumstances. All payments must be for services rendered. Services purchased with sponsored funds must be directly allocable to the funding project.

Facility usage fees are evaluated each fiscal year and are subject to change. For purposes related to budgeting multi-year projects, annual 5% increase in user rates should be anticipated on July 1st of each year.

*Work that involves the use of animals must be approved by the University of Maine Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee before work begins in the SARF. Likewise, users must complete a Facility Use Agreement. Please contact for more details.

*Daily care and maintenance of animals includes activities such as feeding, watering, and routine monitoring to assess health. Related activities such as initial set-up of room, cage changing and cleaning, sanitizing animal rooms, and daily census taking are also included in routine animal care.

*Standard tub-type animal cages, bottles, and water dishes are provided by the SARF as part of the daily rate. If the provided items are not suitable for a particular project, the researcher will be responsible for procuring more suitable items at their own expense.

*The SARF generally limits disposables to a single type of rodent bedding and standard food type. Requests for different food or bedding may result in additional charges above the standard per diem rate. The investigator is responsible for identifying a source for purchase of the non-standard food or bedding.

*SARF personnel may be consulted on options for the purchase of lab animals to be housed in the SARF and CORE administrative staff may be engaged for a fee to assist in the procurement process. If researchers are procuring their own animals, SARF staff should be alerted at least one week in advance of when animals are expected to arrive. Generally, SARF will only accept animals from major vendors that do in-house testing (i.e. Charles River, Taconic Labs, Jackson Lab), and these animals must be accompanied by a written summary that indicates that the animals are free from major pathogens of that species.

*The Attending Veterinarian is available for consultation or training related to veterinary aspects of a project but generally does not perform procedures on individual investigators' projects, unless a genuine collaborative relationship exists between the Attending Veterinarian and the investigator.

*In most cases, additional work related to the collection of data for research purposes will not be completed by SARF staff. Investigators should plan to provide their own labor for these purposes.

*Any animals that are removed from SARF may not be readmitted to the facility without the written permission from the Attending Vet.

*The cages in the SARF are suitable for rabbits 10 pounds and under.

*Additional fees will be charged to investigators for services beyond standard care.



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