



## POLICY

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Cage Labeling Requirements</b>
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**Purpose of Policy:** To provide the principal investigator, the veterinary and animal care staff and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) the information necessary for the proper identification, veterinary care and husbandry of animals housed at any facility owned or operated by WesternU.

**Policy Information:** In keeping with the National Research Council's current edition of the [Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#), all identification cards must contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- Name of the principal investigator (PI),
- Emergency telephone number(s) of the PI or other responsible parties,
- IACUC approved protocol number and expiration date,
- Animal species,
- Animal strain or stock, if known,
- Genotype, if applicable,
- Source (supplier) of the animals,
- Arrival date,
- Date of birth,
- Any biohazardous, toxic or radioactive substances the animals have been exposed to.
- Room number

Each primary enclosure must have a cage card that contains this information.

Any unidentifiable animal will be transferred to the IACUC's holding protocol and will be subject to euthanasia at the discretion of the Attending Veterinarian.