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DATE: January 29, 2010  
TO: All Investigators Using Vertebrate Animals in Biomedical Research  
FROM: Tony Waldrop, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development  
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SUBJECT: New DLAM Per Diem Charges

In order to provide DLAM with sufficient staff and other resources to assure accrediting bodies, governmental auditors, and the user community on campus that our care of research animals is humane and of consistently high quality, it is necessary to increase our per diem rates by 4% effective March 1, 2010. This increase is consistent in size with those of the past six years. It also shares support of DLAM between per diem fees and other sources of income for DLAM, which include university subsidy of DLAM through the allocation of a portion of facility and administrative cost recoveries.

The increase does not fund any new programmatic initiatives, but rather is intended to maintain financial sustainability for DLAM's core services.

In order to facilitate planning for grant-funded projects, you should anticipate additional 4% increases in subsequent years.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions concerning the changes in the per diem schedule.

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**Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine**  
**Per Diem Rates<sup>1,2,3</sup> and Other Fees<sup>4</sup>**

	Mar 2009	Mar 2010
Cats	\$6.39	\$6.65
Dogs	\$7.27	\$7.56
Ferrets	\$4.84	\$5.03
Gerbils/Hamsters	\$1.78	\$1.85
Gerbils/Hamsters-Single	\$1.34	\$1.39
Guinea Pigs	\$2.80	\$2.91
Mice-Conventional	\$0.46	\$0.48
Mice-Hot Washed Micro	\$0.51	\$0.53
Mice-Sterilized	\$0.62	\$0.64
Mice-Single	\$0.35	\$0.36
Pigeons	\$1.15	\$1.20
Primates	\$6.30	\$6.55
Rabbits	\$1.86	\$1.93
Rats	\$0.87	\$0.90
Rats-Single	\$0.64	\$0.67
Rats-Sterilized	\$1.84	\$1.91
Swine	\$7.27	\$7.56

- 1) All housing must be in conformance with space recommendations outlined in the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals and UNC-CH IACUC Policy.
- 2) Per diem rates for rodent species were based upon standard husbandry for normal animals in the various housing systems. Animals that require extra cage changes due to disease (e.g., diabetes) or other unique experimental conditions will be surcharged at the rate of an additional day's per diem per change.
- 3) Per diem rates are based upon the use of standard laboratory chows for all species. Special diets purchased by DLAM to meet experimental requirements will be recharged to investigators. In the case of dogs, canned food will be charged at \$2.00/dog day.
- 4) The rodent importation fee of \$250 applies to small groups of rodents entering quarantine where laboratory diagnostic tests are limited to twenty-five animals. The importation of larger rodent colonies generally entails the cost of additional diagnostic testing that must be borne by the investigator.
- 5) DLAM performs many other services on a fee basis. Please contact DLAM or refer to the DLAM Home Page (<http://research.unc.edu/dlam/>) for more information on technical and husbandry fee-for-service activities.