TITLE: Minors (under 18 years) in Animal Vivarium/Laboratories

PURPOSE
The purpose of this policy is to govern the presence of minors (including minor children related to laboratory personnel) in CU-Boulder animal vivarium and core facilities. This policy applies to minors who are visitors, volunteers, employees, interns, individuals participating in “shadowing” or other outreach programs, and contractors.

DEFINITIONS
A Minor is a person under the legal age of 18 years. The minimum age to enter animal vivarium and/or laboratories is 14 years of age. Minors under the age of 14 are not to be in the vivarium or laboratories unless consent is granted by the IACUC.

An Animal Vivarium/Laboratory is a research facility or designated place where animals are housed under an approved IACUC protocol. Examples: Centralized vivarium, procedure space or a PI managed satellite facility.

POLICY
1. All animal facilities are required to maintain controlled access. Only personnel assigned to an IACUC protocol with legitimate duties and specifically trained on entry requirements will be allowed unescorted into an animal facility. All others, including students, visitors and contractors must be escorted by authorized personnel and cleared by the attending veterinarian or his/her designee if entering CU Boulder managed facilities.

2. The presence of minors unsupervised is restricted where hazardous, biohazardous or infectious materials, radioactive materials, radiation producing equipment, or where physical hazards including (but not limited to) compresses gases, high voltage, extreme temperatures, excessive noise, or lasers are present. Supervised minors must have appropriate HazCom training with the hazard.

3. Minors must be supervised (in any setting) where research involving controlled substances is being performed.

4. Minors between the ages of 14 and 18 are allowed in laboratory settings where animals are housed overnight when:
   a. Students between the ages 14 -18 are enrolled in CU Boulder courses
   b. Part of an approved and supervised tour
   c. They have written consent from their parent(s) or guardian(s); have received the appropriate IACUC and Safety training (documented) and they agree to strictly adhere to the campus or laboratory specific requirements concerning Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
   d. Are listed on an approved Principal Investigator’s protocol.

The CU Boulder Institutional Care and Use Committee shall periodically review this policy and propose changes as it deems necessary.

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