ADMINISTRATION

The Administrator is responsible for the direction of activities and personnel in the Laboratory Animal Service. The primary mission of the program is to assure University of Hawaii at Manoa conformance to Federal, United States Public Health Service, and American Association for the Accreditation for Laboratory Animal Care animal welfare regulations. Laboratory Animal Service assures conformance by providing uniform, standardized animal care and procuring all research animals from suppliers approved by the above mentioned agencies.

The Laboratory Animal Service serves as the operating base for the Chancellor's Animal Care Advisory Committee, a research animal welfare policy committee. The Administrator coordinates the development of campus-wide animal welfare policy and is responsible for the application of these policies and the dissemination of relevant information to animal users.

The Administrative Officer I provides direct support to the Administrator and also serves as fiscal and personnel officer for the program. Fiscal functions include management of Laboratory Animal Service resources and accounts, revenue collection from the sale of animals and per diem charges, animal budget preparation for research grant proposals, and animal procurement.

LABORATORY ANIMAL SERVICE SUPPORT

Laboratory Animal Service support consists of a Research Associate V and two Animal Caretaker I positions. The Research Associate V serves as the Health Surveillance Officer and heads the Research Animal Health Surveillance Laboratory. The Laboratory functions to insure research animals are healthy on arrival, properly housed and cared for, and that all pertinent State and Federal laws are followed. Some specific examples include: 1) quarantine and inspection of all newly arrived animals, 2) periodic facilities inspections to insure compliance with all laws, 3) physical examinations to insure compliance with all laws, 4) laboratory testing such as blood analysis, and 5) surgery, necropsies, and biopsies.
The two Animal Caretaker I positions provide husbandry care as mandated in the National Institutes of Health "Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals" handbook and the Federal Animal Welfare Acts. Caretakers are American Association for Laboratory Animal Science certified or have the same level of expertise as certified technicians through experience and on-the-job training.