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Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

the 3Rs: reduce, replace, refine; 4th respect; 5th rigor

Risk Assessment Screening Questionnaire (RASQ)
- for Persons Entering Animal Spaces but no direct Animal Exposure -

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SCOPE: This RASQ applies to individuals entering Chapman animal facilities as "casual" visitors. That means and includes persons 1) observing for brief times and 2) not coming into contact with animals or being exposed at length in areas where animals have been. Examples include public safety officers, potential faculty and guests viewing the animal rooms and equipment, students on rotation, delivery personnel, and touring groups.

Those persons who in conjunction with their work or research have direct contact with, or are in close proximity to, animals or their by-products, are considered to be at greater risk. They are therefore required to participate instead in the Chapman Laboratory Animal Occupational Health Program (LAOHP) as administered by the Environmental Health & Safety Office (EH&S) at Chapman. Examples include husbandry and animal care providers, veterinary staff, research investigators and staff, equipment service personnel, facilities personnel, custodians, and IACUC members.

The IACUC and EH&S at Chapman want you to be aware when coming into a laboratory animal environment. Moreover, the objective is to keep you safe and protected in such situations. Personal protective equipment (PPE) such as masks and gloves are available. Risks, potentially, include blood-borne pathogens, chemical hazards (e.g., MS222, carcinogens, gas anesthetics), biological hazards (e.g., bacteria, viruses, fungus/yeast/mold, prions, protists), physical hazards (e.g., needles, bites, cords, slips), radiation and laser hazards, ergonomic issues, zoonotic diseases, dusts and airborne particles, laboratory animal allergens, other agents causing allergies, and more. The risks and hazards vary with the species, their housing, and their purpose and use.in research and teaching. For more safety info, and especially questions about safety around animals, see this EH&S link (https://www.chapman.edu/faculty-staff/environmental/lab-safety.aspx) and the IACUC link (https://www.chapman.edu/research/integrity/iacuc/safety-with-animals.aspx).

As a result, the IACUC requests that you complete this Risk Assessment Screening Questionnaire (RASQ) as a record of your visit. Assess your own perceived exposure to the animal environment, in light of allergies, being pregnant, or other health concerns. Discuss any concerns with your escort. *NOTE: We are concerned about privacy and HIPPA issues, so do not reveal any personal health data.* Submit the RASQ to the escort, who in turn will provide it to the IACUC administrator in the Office of Research.

Thank you. Enjoy your visit and learn much.

Date of visit:	Facility: Rinker vivarium Hashinger aviary
Animal Facility personnel or Chapman escort:	
Purpose of visit:	

Printed name (below)	Signature (below)