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Dear Research Community:

As the institutional official responsible for the animal care and use program at Clemson University, this office partners with the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and the University Veterinarian to ensure we conduct our animal related work responsibly and ethically. A highly competent and compassionate network of animal caretakers supports our efforts.

I am writing today to remind you of two important aspects of this program:

**Satellite animal facilities** - When animal care and use will be conducted in locations outside our established core facilities (research farms and Godley Snell Research Center), significant resource allocation is necessary from many groups outside the research team. For this reason, all new plans to house animals outside one of these established core facilities must be proposed to this office in writing and must receive approval to proceed before IACUC and Veterinarian approval is sought. When you are interviewing faculty for hire, planning new research collaborations or writing proposals, please keep this in mind and consult with the Research Office before making commitments.

**Facility managers** - Similarly, the management of animal facilities is a vital part of our animal care and use program. As such, we want qualified, committed individuals to oversee these important resources. When changes to animal facility management are being considered and implemented, it is critical to inform this office, the IACUC and the University Veterinarian. Communication and appropriate orientation are key to the successful management of animal facilities and associated activities.

Thank you. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, the IACUC or the University Veterinarian.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tanju Karanfil'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'T' and 'K'.

Tanju Karanfil

Vice President for Research