

Guidelines for visiting the Central Animal Facility (CAF)

For students, doctoral students and other researchers WITHOUT RECOGNIZATION by the Veterinary Authorities of the Canton of Bern, for all other “visitors”

The experimental animal facilities at Murtenstrasse 31, 50 and 40 are regarded as Central Animal Facilities (CAF).

Visits must be approved by the animal facility head or the attending veterinarian.

1. Access control

For the above mentioned visitors, access to the CAF can only take place in the company of a person recognized by the CAF (accompanying person). Handling and manipulation of animals is forbidden for visitors.

It is not permitted to enter the BSL2 unit (Murtenstrasse 31).

During the visit every effort must be made to avoid disturbing research animals and settings.

2. Hygiene rules

Visitors must wear overshoes and protective clothing (hood, mask and gloves) after hand disinfection.

The hygiene hierarchy must be strictly observed.

Visitors are not allowed to bring any equipment or materials into the facility.

3. Sanitary compliance

A waiting period of 48 hours is mandatory after presence in other laboratory animal facilities and after contact with other rodents/rabbits (private pets).

Sick persons cannot enter the animal facilities.

4. Confidentiality, data protection

The visitor undertakes, in the sense of data protection, to maintain secrecy about matters which come to his knowledge in the Central Animal Facilities. This applies in particular to the obligation to maintain secrecy regarding the content and nature of animal experiments, animals, equipment, materials and operating structures. Furthermore, the exact location of the animal husbandry must not be disclosed to third parties. The creation of pictorial material with mobile phone, photography, film, video etc. is strictly prohibited.

5. Occupational Health and safety

Animal facilities may pose a health risk if the visitor is immunocompromised and/or has allergies. In these circumstances it might be better not to enter the animal facilities and seek advice from a physician.

The visitor commits himself with his signature to the strict observance of all points mentioned in this document. In the event of violation, the right to take appropriate legal action is reserved.

Date		Time entry:		Time exit:	
Purpose of visit:					
Name visitor:					
Signature visitor:					
Institution					
Name accompanying person:					
Signature accompanying person:				User	
Approval from Head of CAF or attending veterinarian					