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## Guinea Pig Sale!

Charles River is offering a 5% discounts for guinea pig strains IAF-HE & IAF-HO, and a 10% discount on strain Hartley from 6/7/16 – 12/31/16. If you need Guinea Pigs for your projects, be sure to take advantage of this discount!



## LAR Organizational Changes

LAR is growing, and as a result, some staffing changes will be happening July 1st. **Sheryl Carter**, who has been supervising facilities and animal care for main and south campus, will be shifting her focus to a new role as the main campus **Facilities Manager**. **Shari Roberts-Goransen**, who has been the Lead Animal Care Tech, will become the **Animal Care Supervisor** for Main and South campus. **Denise Ostmeyer**, who has been part-time as the Training Coordinator, will be transitioning into a new full-time position, **Associate Director of Operations**. She will oversee all animal husbandry activities and staff training. **Barbara Petkus**, of Veterinary Tech Services, will be assuming the **Training Coordinator** responsibilities while continuing to provide animal health care and technical services. This re-organization of responsibilities will better position LAR to keep up with our increasing animal populations and facilities while continuing to provide excellent animal husbandry, health care, and training to our CSU animal users.

## New LAR Employees



**Sara White:** Sarah worked with laboratory animals for 3.5 years in Massachusetts prior to moving to Colorado. She has found laboratory animal science to be a rewarding and compelling career and is working toward achieving AALAS LATg certification. Before exploring laboratory animal sciences, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Biotechnology and worked at small animal veterinary hospitals. Originally from Maine, Sarah enjoys spending time outside hiking, camping, and playing field or ice hockey. She is happy to be in Colorado and looks forward to contributing to the CSU animal program!



**Megan Comisso:** Megan was born and raised in Tucson, Arizona and moved to Colorado to attend CSU in 2011. In December of 2014 she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in biology with honors, and due to her time spent volunteering at Animal House and with LAR's dog socialization program, she knew she wanted to work closely with animals for the rest of her life. She has experience working with livestock, horses, small mammals, dogs and cats through time spent working at veterinary clinics and the Veterinary Teaching Hospital large animal barn. Outside of work Megan enjoys hiking, playing roller derby, fostering dogs and gardening. She is very excited to be working at LAR and is looking forward to learning more about research animal care here at CSU.



### **Matt Knoeck:**

Matt moved to Fort Collins about two years ago from Minneapolis, where he was working for the University of Minnesota in Research Animal Resources. At U of M he worked primarily with mice, and he also has experience in live trapping that he gained while getting his degree in Fisheries and Wildlife. Matt also has experience handling snakes and reptiles through his previous work in a private exotic reptile store and Como Zoo in Saint Paul Minnesota.

We also are happy to have our student hourly employees working with us: Muhetaer Tuerhong, Mitch Hoffman, Max Lipman, Karrigan Reading, and Parker Gradisar-Jansen. Drew Arcuri is also working with us for the summer until he starts CSU Veterinary School this fall-congrats to him!



### **Mouse Transport Containers:**

Just a reminder that we have small disposable containers available at the Painter front desk for your use if you are taking small numbers of mice to your lab for terminal procedures. They look like Chinese food containers, but work great for temporary transport of mice-and are much easier to handle than the bulky mouse cages. When you are through, you may throw them away in your regular laboratory trash-no return trip needed!

## FY17 Per Diems Coming Soon

The FY17 budget is still being worked out and therefore rates have not been set. A separate announcement and email will go out as soon as those are finalized. We thank you for your patience!



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