**Laboratory Liaison Meeting 2/26/2020**

Charles River Discount:- see attached flyer

Music in Animal Rooms: - LAR staff are required to use ear buds, research staff are permitted to play music out loud so long as it cannot be heard in corridors or adjacent rooms.

Painter B-wing: - is full! Please contact LAR well in advance of ordering more animals for B wing.

Recent USDA inspection:

* Happened last month, it had been over a year since our last inspection
* Performed a “focused” inspection
* 1 citation resulting from a self-reported item
* We will be getting a new VMO (inspector)

PETA attention:

* One CSU researcher has been targeted recently
* PETA posted CSU’s recent USDA inspection information on their website
* There will be a radio interview coming up with CSU public relations about the issues

CO2 euthanasia changes:

* An IACUC policy has just been approved to comply with the new AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia. The policy includes detailed instructions, and will be available on the RICRO/ IACUC website soon.
* CO2 flow rates were 10-30%, but now are 30-70%. This may require your lab to purchase a new flowmeter. Contact LAR with any questions.

Kuali Protocol and Animal Management System:

* Both will go live 4/21/20
* Training will be offered the weeks of 3/9 – 3/12 and 3/23-2/26. Expect an e-mail with more details soon.
* LAR will close out billing on 4/20 in eAO, and reprint all new cage cards
* Animals will not be received the week of 4/27
* Animal transfers are discouraged the week of 4/20, and terminations will need to be processed asap

Change in feed supplier:

* LAR is evaluating Purina Lab Diet as a potential vendor for animal feed. They will be giving a lunch and learn on March 4th – look for an e-mail invitation for that soon.

Compassion Fatigue:

* Elaine will be focusing on piloting ideas and is looking for feedback. Please e-mail her directly with interest/ opinions/ ideas about the following:
	+ Appreciation e-mails – these could be stories about adopted lab animals or research animals that someone has a special relationship with.
	+ Question box – this would be an opportunity to ask questions related to animal research
* Elaine is also pursuing a NOCO/ Southern WY regional meeting in 2021 related to IACUC, compassion fatigue, wildlife and exotic species in animal research and teaching.

LAR Provided Training: - see attached power point slides