

**Colorado State University
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
(IACUC)**

Animal Identification Policy

Purpose

This policy outlines the Colorado State University policy on identification of animals used for research, teaching, or testing. If the method and species is not noted in this policy, it must be specified in the CSU IACUC approved protocol.

Practice

The following identification methods may be used for the listed animal species. If identifiers become lost or unidentifiable, another identifier can be provided to the animal.

Identification Method	Species
Tattoo	mouse, rat
Elastomer	fish
Ear punch	mouse, rat, neonatal pig, guinea pig
Ear tag	mouse, rat, gerbil, hamster, guinea pig, rabbit, sheep, goat, pig, cow
Hair shaving	mouse, rat, gerbil, hamster, guinea pig, rabbit, ferret, cat, dog
Percutaneous microchip	all species
Mark on fur, hair, skin (e.g. permanent marker)	mouse, rat, gerbil, hamster, guinea pig, rabbit, ferret, cat, dog, pig, bird

Institutional Endorsement

The “Animal Identification Policy” approved by the IACUC on August 27, 2024 for recommendation to the Institutional Official supports the research, teaching and service mission of Colorado State University, and ensures that the welfare of animal subjects used therein will be protected. Therefore, as the Institutional Official, I declare the IACUC-recommended policy to be the policy of the Colorado State University Animal Care and Use Program.


Institutional Official

9/3/2024
Date