

# CAGE CARD NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

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## 1. Background

The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (*The Guide*) states “Identification cards should include the source of the animal, the strain or stock, names and contact information for the responsible investigator(s), pertinent dates (e.g., arrival date, birth date, etc.), and protocol number.”

## 2. Cage Card Requirements

The Animal Care and Use Committee [ACUC] acknowledges that several types of cage cards are used at Berkeley. The Committee requires that regardless of card type, the following information be included on all cage cards:

1. PI Name
2. Protocol Number
3. Lab Contact Information (i.e., contact name, phone number)
4. Animal Species or, for lab rats and mice, animal strain
5. Acquisition (arrival) or birth Date

These five items must be visible on the primary (front) cage card in the cage card holder. Additional cage cards may be placed behind the main cage card (preferably so that the top edges of additional cards are visible).

## References

- Institute of Laboratory Animal Research (ILAR). National Research Council (2011).
- The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (8th edition). Washington, D.C.