

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee		HSC
Title: Using Rodent Pups for Research		
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A. RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. It is the responsibility of the Principal Investigator to account for pups in their protocol and to report all pups used for research purposes.

B. PROCEDURES

- a. **TIME-PREGNANT FEMALES**
Timed-pregnant females are ordered when fetuses or pups are needed for research purposes. Please refer to the euthanasia SOP for the proper techniques for fetuses and pups.
- b. **FETUSES**
Fetuses are not counted as animal numbers on the protocol. Only the mothers must be accounted for in the animal numbers in the protocol.
- c. **PUPS AFTER BIRTH**
 - i. All pups are to be counted as used on the protocol, whether they were used for research purposes or not (euthanize, technical procedures etc.). The protocol must account for all pups used/euthanized. This does not include cannibalized pups.
 - ii. Investigators approved for breeding or timed pregnant animals will receive an email reminder before breeding numbers are due.
 - iii. All breeding numbers are due for submission by the last day of the month. All investigators who have an approved breeding protocol are expected to report numbers, even if the number to report is zero (indicating that no pups were born in that month). Reports are sent via email (hscdlam.office@unthsc.edu) to the DLAM office.
 - iv. Investigators who fail to report their animal numbers by the end of the month will be reported to the IACUC.

C. ATTACHMENTS

- a. [Breeding Record Form](#)

