



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
FOR CARE AND USE AND OVERSIGHT OF ANIMAL SUBJECTS  
BETWEEN COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS**

**When the Florida Institute of Oceanography's Keys Marine Lab is Housing Animals**

The Florida Institute of Oceanography (FIO), including its Keys Marine Lab (**KML**), is an Academic Infrastructure Support Organization under the guidance of the University of South Florida Board of Trustees (USF), designated as its host institution.

This is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Florida Institute of Oceanography's, **KML** and any **KML** - visiting **Institution** (herein referred to as "**Institution**") noted below for the use of the aquatic animal facilities located at **KML** for the **Institution's** IACUC approved research activity referred to below. No collaborative research between **KML** and the **Institution** is acknowledged or implied. This MOU sets forth the agreed responsibilities of animal care and use, animal ownership, and IACUC review and oversight.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION – Florida Institute of Oceanography/University of South Florida**

USDA REGISTRATION#: 58-R-0015

PHS ASSURANCE: D16-00589 (A4100-01)

AAALACi UNIT#: 434

PI NAME:

PROTOCOL #:

PROTOCOL TITLE Florida Keys Marine Laboratory Core MOU

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION – \_\_\_\_\_ (Institution)**

USDA REGISTRATION#:

PHS ASSURANCE:

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PI NAME:

PROTOCOL #:

PROTOCOL TITLE

**The parties agree that:**

- I. Both institutions maintain independent animal care and use programs, each of which are qualified for animal use activities under federal and state regulatory requirements.
- II. The KML-visiting **Institution's** IACUC has approved the animal use to be conducted at the KML, a copy of which will be provided to FIO KML.
- III. The KML-visiting **Institution's** IACUC will be informed by FIO **KML** IACUC of any issues, concerns or verified noncompliance related to the **Institution's** research activity conducted at the **KML** that occur within the duration of this Agreement in a timely manner.
- IV. The **Institution** is responsible for and owns the animals used in the **Institution's** IACUC approved research activity conducted at the **KML**. Ownership encompasses the following:
  - Assignment of animals to the **Institution's** approved IACUC protocol.
  - Ensuring research procedures are performed by qualified personnel from the **Institution** in accordance with the approved IACUC protocol.
  - Provisions of appropriate animal holding, housing, and care by qualified personnel from the **Institution** in

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accordance with the approved IACUC protocol.

- V. The **Institution** will report to FIO **KML** any changes to the status of the **Institution's** approved IACUC protocol.
- VI. The **Institution** will comply with all FIO **KML** rules, SOPs, and policies regarding the use of the **KML** facilities.
- VII. The **Institution's** qualified research personnel participate in the **Institution's** occupational health and safety program.

The FIO **KML** may provide veterinary or husbandry care to animals owned by the **Institution** while present at the **KML** facilities that **KML** deems necessary to preserve the life or health of the animals or to ensure compliance with federal laws, regulations, and policies on a fee for service basis, and the **Institution** hereby consents to the provision of such care and agrees to pay or reimburse the **KML** for any related costs.

- VIII. The **Institution** hereby releases and covenants not to sue the **KML**, USF, its trustees, officers, employees, and students for any claim, liability, damage, or cause of action arising out of the use or presence at the **KML** facilities by **Institution**, its researchers, and its research animals. In addition, if the **Institution** is a private entity, then the **Institution** agrees to hold harmless and indemnify **KML**, USF, its trustees, officers, employees, and students from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities or action arising from **Institution's**, or its use of the **KML** facilities.
- IX. The **Institution** agrees that the person signing on its behalf has the authority to do so and to bind **Institution** to the terms and condition. By signing below, USF (as the host representative for the **KML**) and **Institution**, agree to terms and conditions set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding.

**Contact Information and Signature of Animal Program Representative (e.g., IACUC Chair, IACUC Administrator, AV, or IO)**

<i>Signature of USF Representative</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Signature of Institution Representative</i>	<i>Date</i>
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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY



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