

Guidelines for animal experiments at PSI

for external research groups

1. Working with tissues from animals

- If you bring tissues from any animal* sources for analysis to PSI, please confirm that the tissue is from a legal source. If the tissue comes from an animal experiment, please send the authorization from the responsible authority in advanced to the local animal welfare officer.

2. Working with living animals from another canton

- Before starting with the animal* experiments at PSI, please, make sure that you have **a valid licence** from the Cantonal Authorities. For experiments that was submitted to another canton, make sure that you have an intercantonal authorisation (also the authorization from the canton Aargau). Please send the valid animal experimental application and authorization from the responsible authority in advanced to the local animal welfare officer and the head of the animal housing.

3. Working with living animals for users from abroad

- **The evaluation** of an animal experiment typically **takes four to six months**. However, for complex applications, the duration may be longer.
- Applications without burden for the animals do have a faster track.
- For researchers from abroad, PSI offers assistance in preparing an application for an animal experiment in Switzerland (fee-based). The processing of the application by the cantonal authority is also subject to a fee.
- Before the experiment starts please contact the local animal welfare officer and the head of the animal housing, and prepare a detailed schedule of the experiments. Contact the head of the animal housing early in advance, if you need capacity to keep mice in the animal husbandry.
- The PSI's animal welfare officer monitors all projects that are carried out with living animals at PSI. In case of unusual incidents, he has the right to stop any experiment for the welfare of the animals.

(* Vertebrates, crawfish and cephalopods, mammals, birds and reptiles in the last third of the development period before birth or hatching, stages of fish and amphibians with free food intake)