

# **ANIMAL CARE & USE PROGRAM (ACUP) QUARTERLY INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

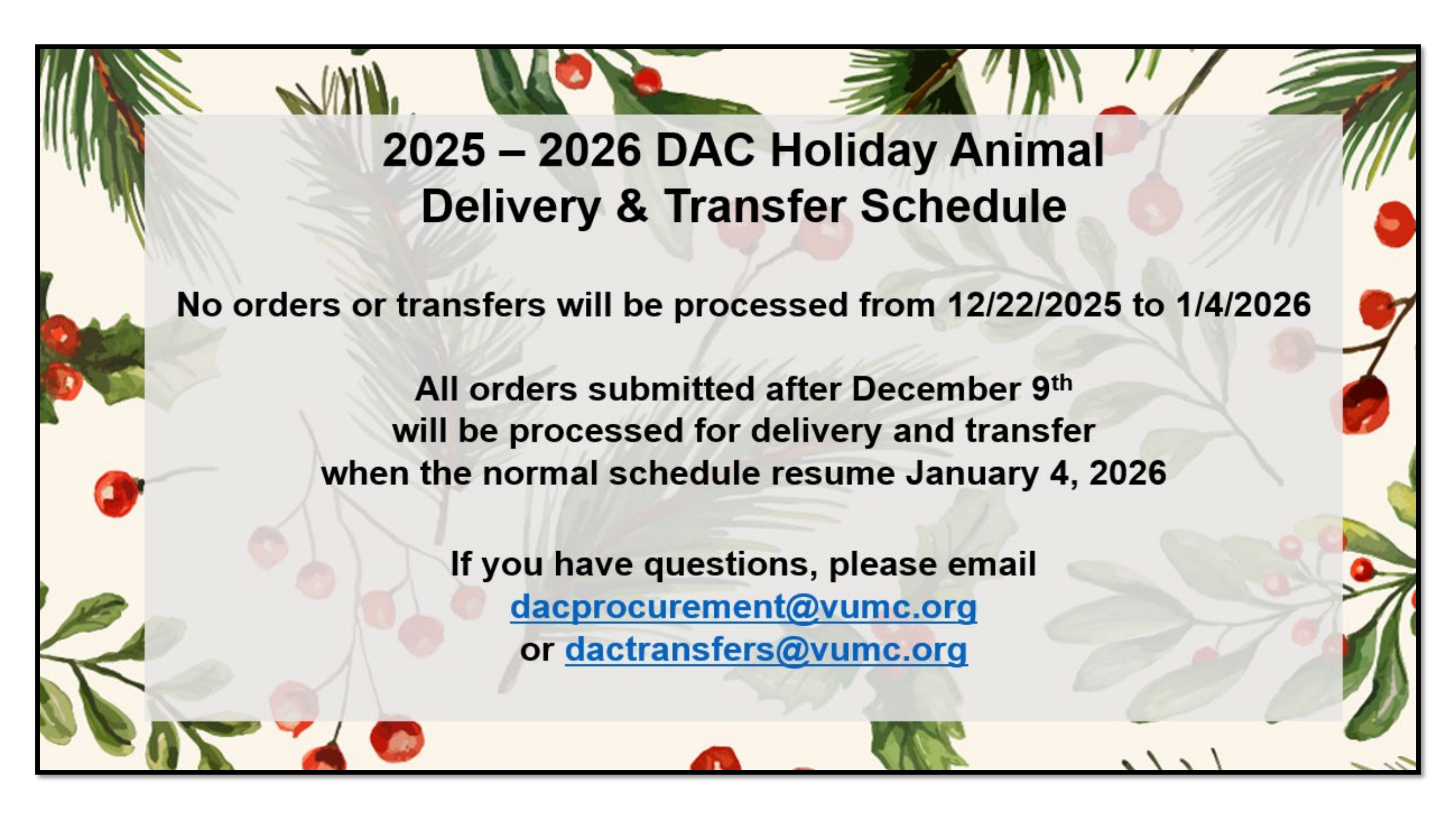
**NOVEMBER 20, 2025  
1:30PM CST VIA TEAMS**

# ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES



# Access ACUP applications using your VUMC or VU email address.

A screenshot of a web sign-in page for Vanderbilt University Medical Center. The page has a white background with a black border. At the top, it says "VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER" with a small "V" logo. Below that is the heading "Sign in". A text input field contains the email address "john.doe@vumc.org". Below the input field is a link that says "Can't access your account?". At the bottom right is a blue button with the text "Next".



## **2025 – 2026 DAC Holiday Animal Delivery & Transfer Schedule**

**No orders or transfers will be processed from 12/22/2025 to 1/4/2026**

**All orders submitted after December 9<sup>th</sup>  
will be processed for delivery and transfer  
when the normal schedule resume January 4, 2026**

**If you have questions, please email**

**[dacprocurement@vumc.org](mailto:dacprocurement@vumc.org)**

**or [dactransfers@vumc.org](mailto:dactransfers@vumc.org)**

# Holiday *MyColony* TagCenter and Processing Schedule

## Thanksgiving:

Thursday 11/27 and Friday 11/28

- No ACUP Pick ups (PRB/Barrier)
- No Transnetyx processing

## Christmas:

Wednesday 12/24 and Thursday 12/25

- No ACUP Pick ups (MCN II, PRB, Barrier)
- No Transnetyx processing

## New Year's Day:

Thursday 1/1

- No ACUP Pickups (PRB)
- No Transnetyx processing



# MyColony



- Unlimited automated genotyping
- Mouse colony management software – Colony/AMI

To learn more visit the ACUP Website under ACUP IT Applications  
or visit [Vanderbilt MyColony](#)



## Reminder – MyColony includes Colony and AMI!

Vanderbilt researchers have full access to both  
(Cost included in *per Diem*)

Contact Megan Grots for all your  
Transnetyx needs

**Phone:** 414-331-9476

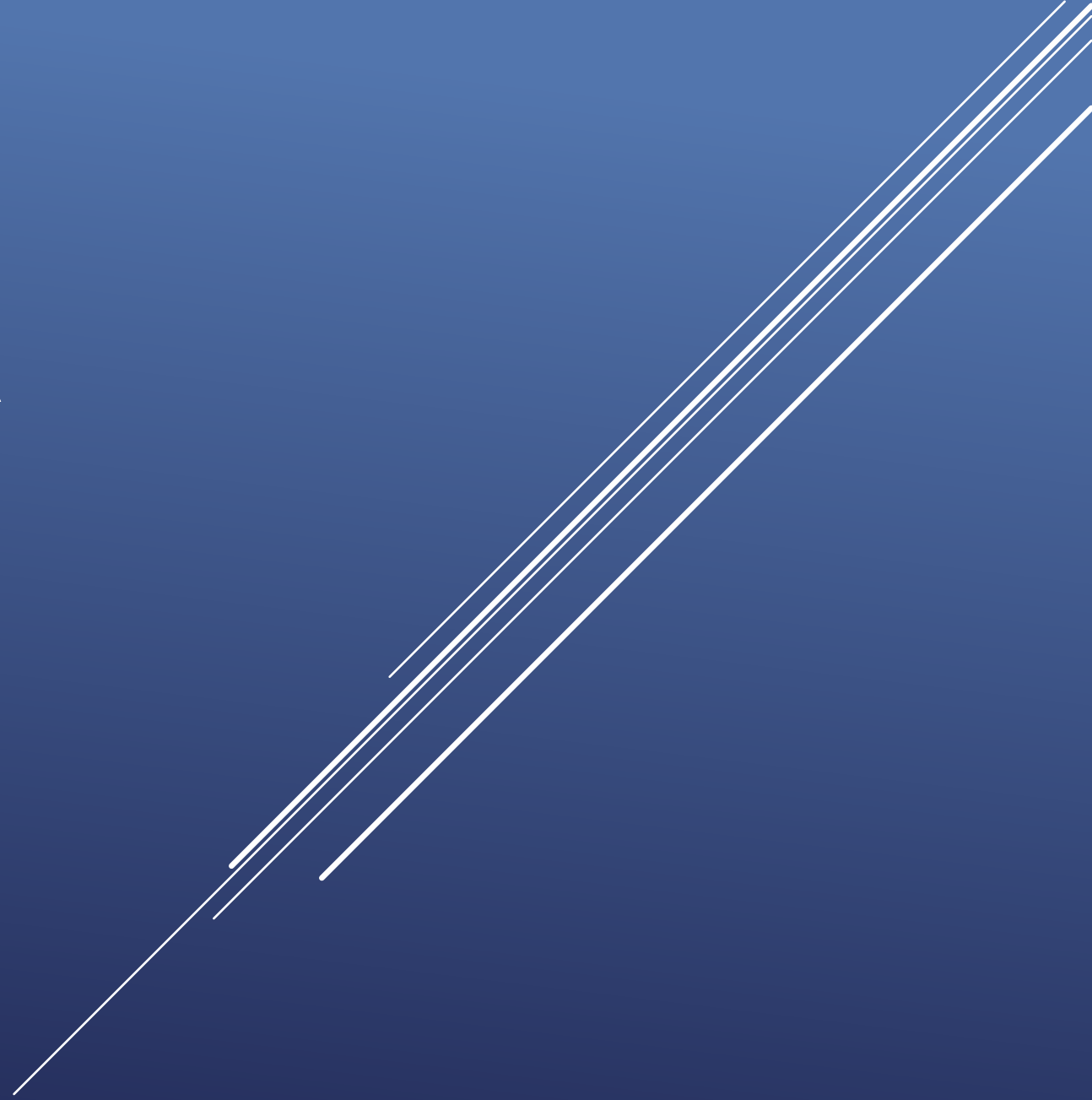
**Email:** [mgrots@transnetyx.com](mailto:mgrots@transnetyx.com)



### Updates

- Next MyColony User Group meeting:  
Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Interested in joining? Contact Jordan Whitt at [jordan.whitt@vumc.org](mailto:jordan.whitt@vumc.org)
- Quarterly Newsletter coming in December

# IACUC/OAWA UPDATES





# Countdown

Program Description – To be submitted: Nov. 24, 2025

Triennial Site Visit – Early 2026 (January/February/March)

Preparations coming:

- Preparatory lab visits and information from OAWA

- January Semi-Annual Inspections

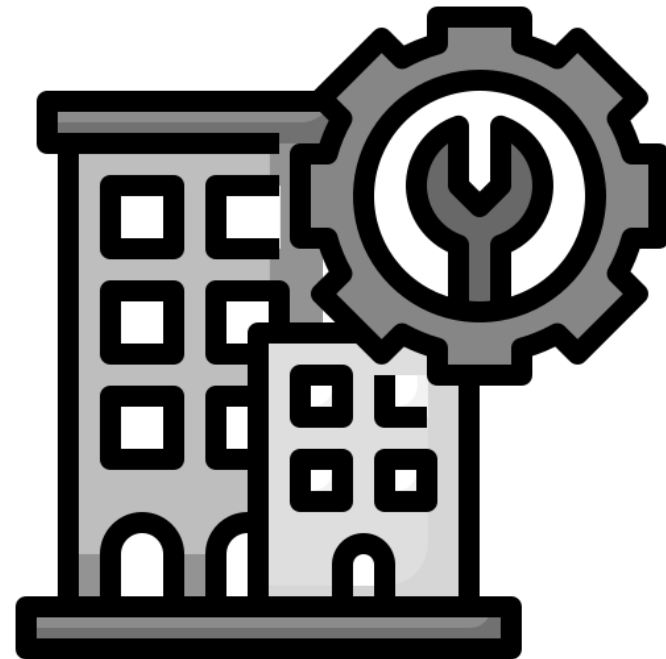
# REMINDER: Semi Annual Inspection

## Results from July: Top Issues of Non-Compliance

### Cleaning & Sanitization



### Physical Plant



# Semi Annual Inspection Schedule

## January 2026

| Monday<br>January 5   | Tuesday<br>January 6                                                                                                              | Wednesday<br>January 7                                                                         | Thursday<br>January 8                                                  | Friday<br>January 9   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>No Inspections</i> | Labs<br>PRB, RRB, LH,<br>MRB IV, VUIIS,<br>Large/Small Imaging<br><br>PI-Managed Satellites:<br>Chen, Cigliola, Dewar,<br>Knapick | Facilities & Labs<br>VA, ESB,<br>MCN, MRB III,<br><br>PI-Managed Satellites:<br>Creanza, Skaar | <i>Make-up Inspections<br/>(if needed)</i>                             | <i>No Inspections</i> |
| Monday<br>January 12  | Tuesday<br>January 13                                                                                                             | Wednesday<br>January 14                                                                        | Thursday<br>January 15                                                 | Friday<br>January 16  |
| <i>No Inspections</i> | DAC Facilities<br>PRB, MMPC,<br>Barrier, Neuro<br>Wilson Hall, IAF,<br>DAC Transport                                              | <i>Make-up Inspections<br/>(if needed)</i>                                                     | DAC Facilities<br>MCN II<br>7th & 8th Floors,<br>MCN I, TPSR, SR Light | <i>No Inspections</i> |

# ARIES Tip

- **Some helpful tips for protocol writers:**
- The S1 Overview section does **not** need specific experimental details, such as drug doses and type of anesthesia provided
- The S1 Overview and S3 Animal Number Justification **NEED TO ALIGN**
  - For example: If you mention 5 study paths in S1, there needs to be corresponding animal number sections in S3
- Please make sure you answer each reviewer comment
  - Each round of review adds ~12 days to total review time
  - If you are unsure on how to answer, please contact OAWA



# Rodent Surgery SOP

UPDATE: IACUC SOP AWEL.03  
Rodent Anesthesia, Surgery, and  
Analgesia

Has been updated to include that the use of the hot bead sterilizer is limited to 5 uses before instruments must be fully re-sterilized

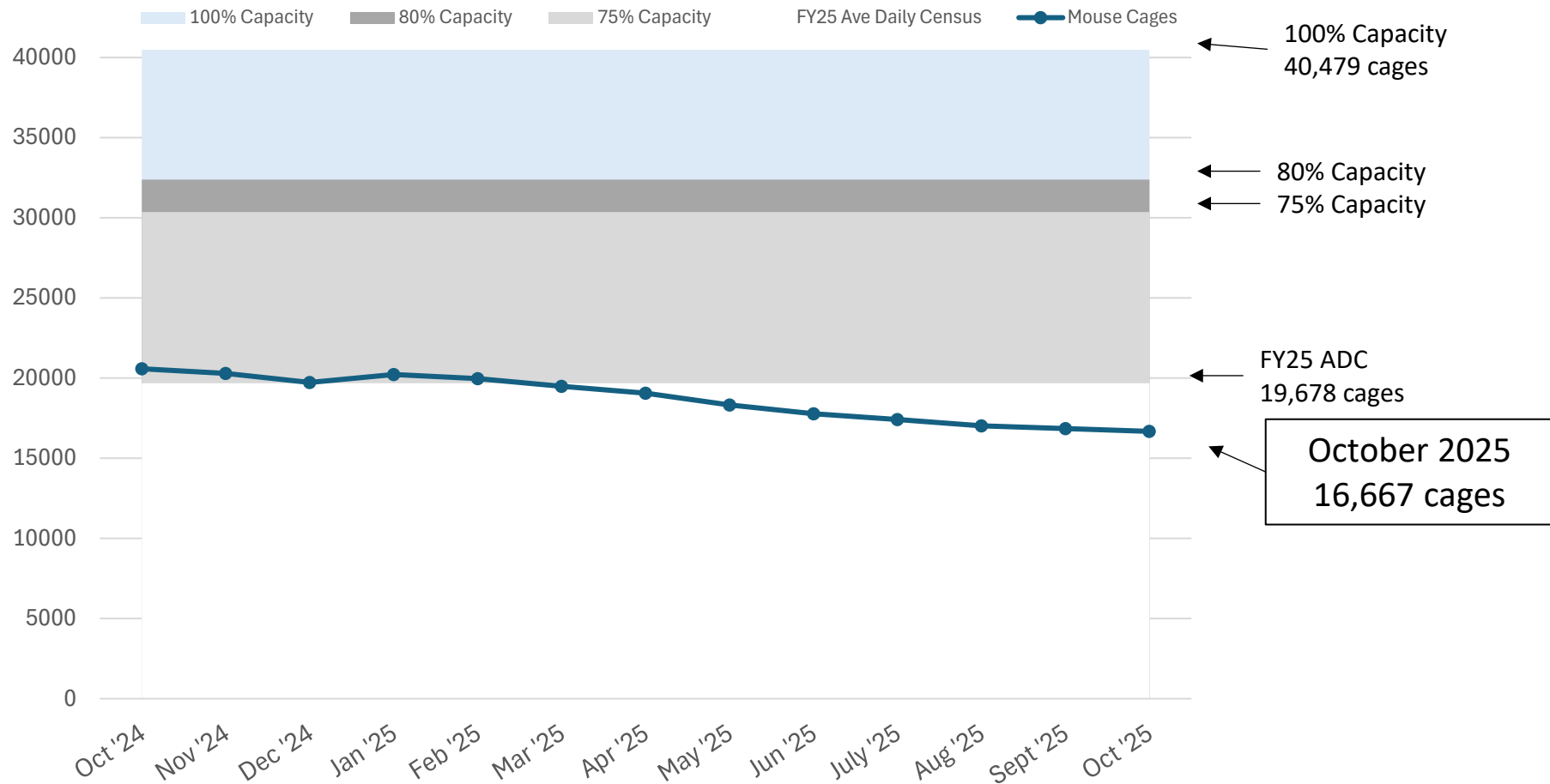


# **DIVISION OF ANIMAL CARE UPDATES**



# Census Update

## Average Daily Census by Month - Mouse Cages



# DAC Master Plan

- Master plan project conducted by Cannon Design
- Intended to guide the alignment of future-state capabilities, recommendations, executable priorities, capital investments and operational staffing needs within the next 5-10 years
- Phase I—Current State Analysis
  - Assessment of current conditions
- Phase II - Future State Opportunities and Priorities
  - Alignment of the VUMC/VU strategic mission and goals
  - Development of a roadmap for the long-range transformation required to support the future research at Vanderbilt

# REMINDER

Contact DAC Veterinarians if you experience any unanticipated adverse consequences resulting in animal welfare concerns or death.

**\*\*This is especially important when working with USDA species.**



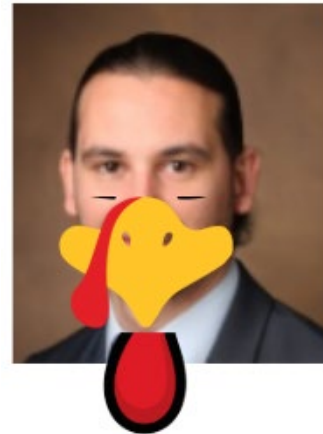
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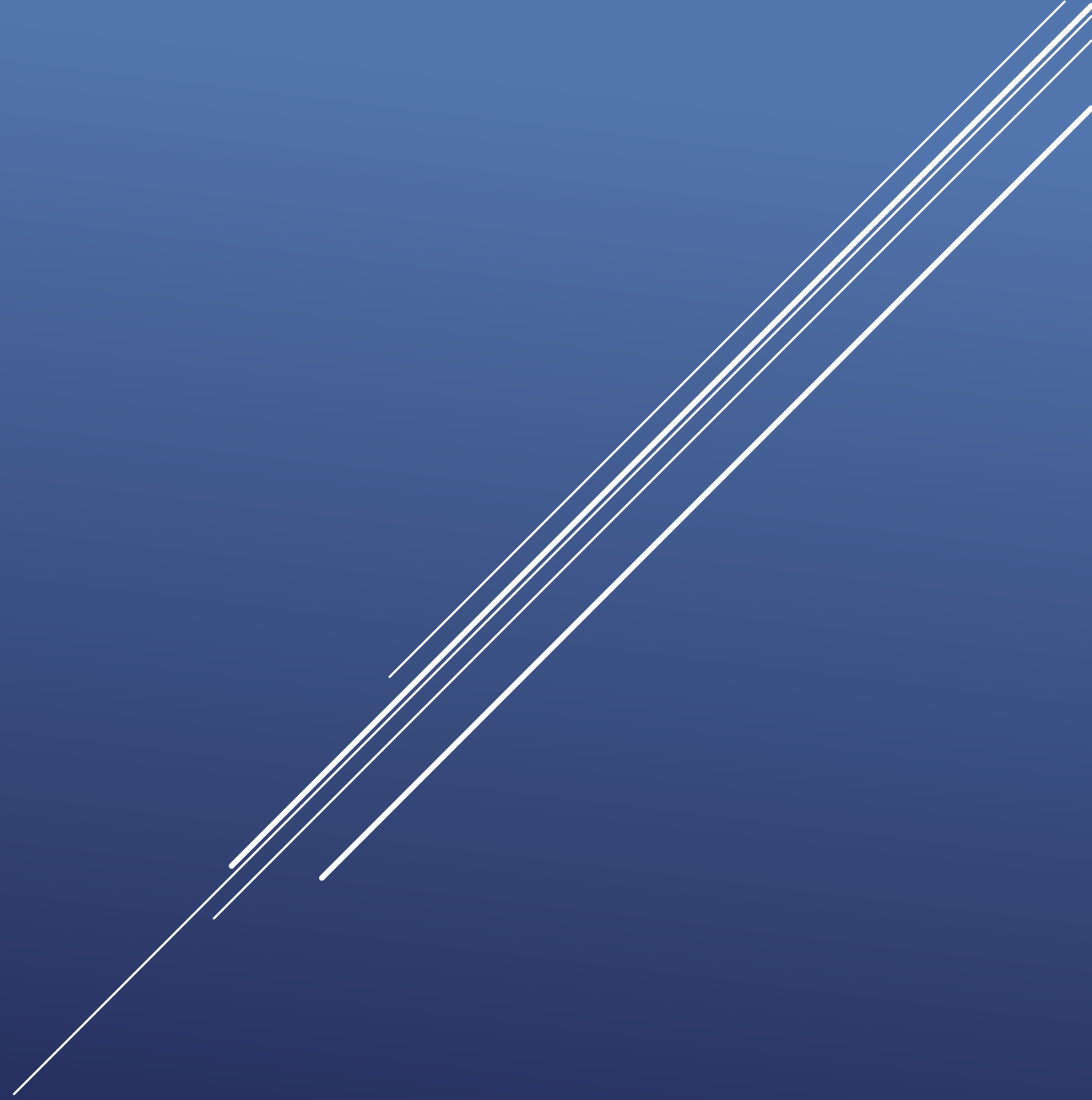


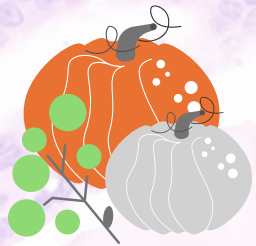
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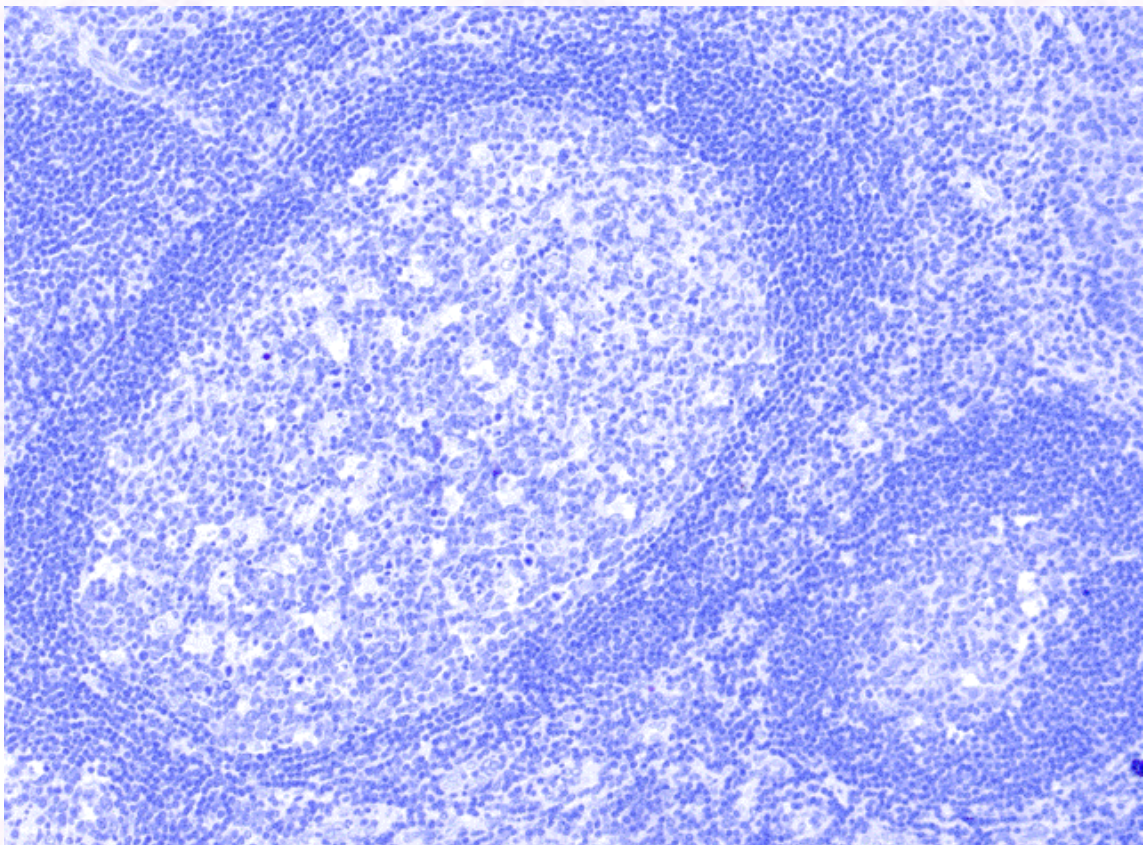
# TPSR UPDATES





# TPSR

Translational Pathology Shared Resource



Interested in  
**Multiplex**  
immunohistochemistry???

TPSR Nov Newsletter



[Learn more](#)

# Save the Date



The next ACUP Quarterly  
Informational Meeting  
February 26, 2026

