

Mastering Animal Research:

INSIDE THE 22ND WORKSHOP ON LABORATORY RODENTS CARE AND USE 2026



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On 9-10 June 2026,

the Laboratory Animal Facility and Management (LAFAM) at the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM Selangor, Puncak Alam Campus, proudly hosted the **22nd Workshop on Laboratory Rodents (Rats and Mice) Care and Use 2026**. The event welcomed 18 dedicated participants from a diverse range of institutions, including the UiTM faculties of Applied Sciences, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Health Sciences, and Engineering. External attendees also included scholars from UCSI University, UniKL Royal College of Medicine Perak and the Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB). This dynamic two-day workshop successfully bridged essential theoretical knowledge with critical practical skills.

Day 1: Establishing the Theoretical Foundation

The workshop commenced with a welcoming opening speech by the Dean, Professor Dato' Dr Abu Bakar Abdul Majeed. He highlighted the monumental significance of the event, celebrating LAFAM's 22nd iteration of hosting this vital workshop. This milestone is a true testament to the facility's enduring commitment to research excellence. Following this inspiring start, participants plunged into an intensive day of lectures covering eight comprehensive modules, ranging from animal model genetics to vital ethical frameworks, such as the Animal Welfare Act 2015 and My Code 2019. Consequently, all participants were fully equipped with the principles of humane handling, environmental enrichment, and health monitoring.

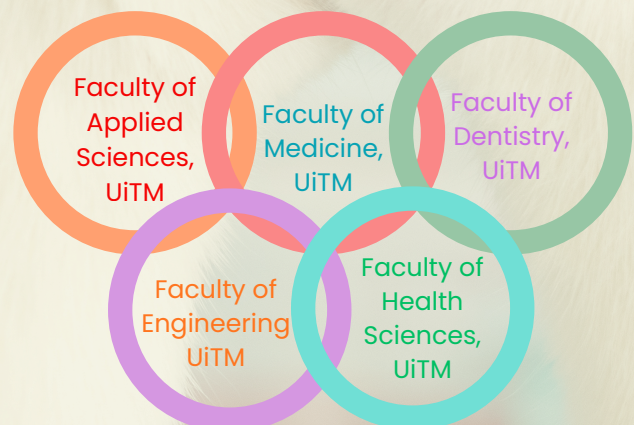
Day 2: Expert Facilitation Driving Practical Excellence

On the second day, the venue shifted to the LAFAM laboratories. The true catalyst for success during these hands-on sessions was the exceptional, one-to-one guidance provided by a dedicated team of facilitators. Led by Veterinary Officer Dr Nursakinah Latifi, the expert team featured seven highly skilled Assistant Veterinary Officers: Mdm. Nurul Aini Baharom, Mdm. Nurlin Shafarah, Ms. Nur Hidayah Husin, Mr. Mohamad Bashir Yaacob, Mr. Muhammad Fadhli Mohd Azahar, and Mr. Muhammad Danial Iqra'izz Mohd Heriman from LAFAM (Faculty of Pharmacy), alongside Mr. Muhamad Faisal Abdur Rehiman from the Laboratory Animal Care Unit (Faculty of Medicine).

Their unwavering dedication patiently guided participants through intricate procedures, including safe animal restraint, oral gavage, advanced bleeding techniques, anaesthesia and euthanasia. Thanks to the facilitators' close supervision and immediate feedback, every participant demonstrated outstanding technical proficiency and profound empathy during the rigorous afternoon assessments.

A Successful Conclusion

The enriching programme officially wrapped up with a memorable closing ceremony. Outstanding attendees were celebrated as the "Best Participants" within their respective groups and were awarded special tokens of appreciation directly by their dedicated facilitators. As participants received their certificates of completion, they departed with not only refined skills, but also the lasting confidence to conduct compassionate, high-quality, and ethically sound in vivo research at their respective institutions.



Diverse of Participations

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- UniKL Royal College of Medicine Perak
- Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB)