FACILITY OVERVIEW

Saint Constant, Canada

Charles River’s site in Saint Constant, Canada, offers numerous animal research models and services. By adhering to our four core programs of biosecurity, international genetic standardization (IGS), animal welfare, and model quality, we are able to breed animal models of superior health and genetic status, which help ensure research reliability and consistency.

Background
- Established in 1943 as Canadian Breeding Farms
- Acquired by Charles River in 1970

Laboratories and Facilities
- Species: mouse, rat, guinea pig, rabbit
- 60,000 square feet
- 9 animal barrier rooms
- 1 Elite animal room
- VAF/Plus®- and VAF/Elite®-health-status animals available
- 24-hour security and fire monitoring

Staff
- Approximately 110 employees
- Oversight teams for animal welfare, biosecurity, and veterinary professional services

Animal Models
- Outbred rats (CD® IGS, Wistar)
- Outbred mice (CD-1®, CD1-Elite)
- Inbred mice (BALB/c, C57BL/6, C57BL/6-Elite)
- CB17 SCID immunodeficient mice
- Hartley outbred guinea pigs
- New Zealand white outbred rabbits

Preconditioning Services (supplemental)
- Pre-ID™
- Pre-screening
- Pre-dosing/pre-injection

Compliance, Certifications, Accreditations and Professional Affiliations
Charles River’s Saint Constant facility operates in compliance with the requirements of the following regulatory agencies or accredited organizations:
- Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC)
- Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC International)

Humane Care Initiative
Charles River is a worldwide leader in the humane care of laboratory animals. We work hand-in-hand with the scientific community to understand how living conditions, handling procedures, and stress play an important role in the quality and efficiency of research.