The Monash Animal Research Platform (MARP) provides laboratory animal services from several facilities across the Clayton and Parkville campuses of Monash University and at its Gippsland Field Station. MARP supports approved research projects through the high quality supply and care of laboratory animals, specialised rodent reproductive services and through the provision of advanced technical and veterinary services across a range of species. MARP is committed to excellence in maintaining the health and welfare of animals under its care and in exceeding the standards specified in the relevant Codes of Practice and industry regulations.
Mission statement: Enabling research projects through the supply of animals, specialised animal care and technical support, as well as through the provision of advanced veterinary services.

MARP Rodent Reproduction Unit (MRRU)
The MRRU generates new GM mice lines through the ES Cell to Mouse process in collaboration with the Australian Phenomics Network (APN). MRRU also conducts sperm cryopreservation and reanimation projects in collaboration with Australian Phenome Bank. MRRU independently offers a wide range of rodent reproduction and GM services including embryo transfer, ES Cell, ICSI and pronuclear microinjection techniques, sperm and embryo cryopreservation and IVF.

National Non Human Primate Breeding and Research Facility
The National Non Human Primate Breeding and Research Facility is managed by MARP. This centre was established through NHMRC support, as the only breeding colonies of marmosets and macaques for research use in Australia. The facility provides animals, care and technical support for their use.

Laboratory Animal Services
The MARP facilities supply and maintain a wide range of laboratory animals including rodents, sheep, rabbits, mini-pigs and other species. These services include:
- Rodent supply, agistment and customised breeding programs
- Rodent reproductive services including embryo re-derivation, cryopreservation and reanimation.
- Access to surgical facilities, imaging and diagnostic equipment and services
- Specialised veterinary services and surgical support
- Supply of animal blood products and antibody production from various animal species
- Rodent import and and export services in AQIS accredited facilities
- Supply, agistment, technical and surgical assistance in other species including sheep, mini-pigs, rabbits and guinea pigs.

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