IACUC Tip Sheet
Identification of Animals Used in Research or Teaching Activities

It is IACUC policy that all animals must be identified at all times with the correct protocol number and the name and phone number of the principal investigator as well as additional contact personnel if needed.

When housed in RAR animal facilities, the cage card serves this purpose.

When animals are removed from RAR and taken to a laboratory or teaching area, the RAR cage card may be taken with them for the purposes of identification, recognizing that the barcoded cage card must be returned to RAR to exit the animal(s) from the inventory system.

Alternatively, temporary cards are available in RAR animal rooms, which, while intended for other purposes, can be used as identification cards for animals taken to laboratories. Be aware that animals may not be kept longer than 12 hours in a laboratory setting without specific justification to, and review and approval by, the IACUC.

Additional information: http://www.research.umn.edu/iacuc/