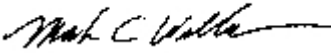




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PURPOSE: To provide the highest quality of care for salamanders housed in the Animal Care Services Facility in order to prevent the development of disease or disorders that could compromise research studies.

ANIMAL HEALTH MONITORING

- A. The Principle Investigators, Graduate Students and/or Animal Laboratory Technician will observe the animals daily.
- B. All animals are observed for any evidence of illness or a change in behavior. These observations are recorded on the "Daily Observation Record".
- C. Record the minimum and maximum temperature on the room temperature chart. Check the room thermometer for operational deficiencies. Report any problems to the ACS Manager.
- D. Food and water (unless specified) replaced as necessary and consistent with reported species-specific food and water intake rates (if available). Addition of food and replacement of water should be noted on the Daily Observation Record.

OCCUPIED ANIMAL ROOMS SANITATION

- A. Floors are swept and mopped at least once a week. Use dedicated mops and mop buckets.
- B. Counters tops and sinks are cleaned and wiped daily.
- C. Floors, walls and ceiling are sponge mopped once a month.

HEALTH CARE

Everyone with access to the animal facility is responsible for informing the University Veterinarian when an animal becomes ill or a change in behavior is noted. Seriously ill animals should be reported **IMMEDIATELY** to the veterinarian. When an investigator, technician, or animal care personnel requires veterinary assistance, they should:



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- A. Complete the “Animal Observation Report” in the Notebook. Indicate the date, room number, animal number/cage ID, and problem observed, and ensure that the name (or initials) of the person making the report is recorded.
- B. Contact the University Veterinarian or the ACS Facility Manager at:
- Dr. Tiffanie Brooks, University Veterinarian, Animal Care Services.
806-834-8588 Office
806-239-2120 Cell Phone
- Carla Grisham, Manager, Animal Care Services.
806-834-3437 Office
254-913-5156 Cell Phone
- C. Provide all the above information to the individual contacted above, who will give advice and authorization for the action(s) that should be taken.