I. ANIMAL HEALTH MONITORING

A. The Principle Investigators, Graduate Students and/or Animal Laboratory Technician daily observe animals.

B. All animals observed for any evidence of illness or a change in behavior and the “Daily Observation Record” is completed.

C. Check the room for operational deficiencies. Report any problems to the ACS Facility Manager.

D. Food and water (unless specified) replaced as necessary. Canned dog food and/or crickets and/or meal worms, are fed 2-3 times weekly.

II. OCCUPIED ANIMAL ROOMS SANITATION

A. Floors are swept and mopped with disinfectant mixed according to manufacturer’s recommendations once a month minimum.

B. Floors, walls and ceiling are sponge mopped with disinfectant mixed according to manufacturer’s recommendations when room is cleared of animals.

III. SANITATION AQUARIUM CHANGES

A. Soiled substrate is changed once a month minimum.
B. Water and food dishes are sanitized at least weekly.
C. Aquarium/flow through tanks/plastic tubs are mechanically washed and/or sanitized between animal occupancy.

IV. 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:
A. Complete the “Animal Treatment Record” in the Notebook. Indicate the date, 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.