

## **Standards of Care for Rodents (Mice, Rats, Voles)**

- 1) Food (Standard Irradiated or Autoclavable diets), water (Hydropac or water bottle), bedding (Sani-chip), enrichment (4-gram pucks, and nestlets)
  - a) Voles: enrichment (aspen shavings, 4-gram puck, carrots, spinach, sunflower seeds)
- 2) Cage change every 2-3 weeks (Ventilated cages only)
  - a) Weekly change for Static caging
- 3) Cage Wash (Caging and Chemical Supplies)
- 4) Floors swept daily
  - a) Floors mopped weekly and waxed when needed
- 5) Walls, ceiling, vents, horizontal surfaces - sanitized monthly
- 6) Daily Health Checks (Everyday including holiday and weekends)
- 7) Veterinary Oversight
- 8) Compliance Oversight
- 9) Equipment maintenance - cage change stations, environmental monitoring devices, ventilated rack blowers, hydropac, tunnel washer, rack washer, autoclaves and euthanasia stations, Edstrom watering system (LKS)
  - a. includes filter replacements, hydropac bags/lixits, chemicals for cage wash, gaskets for autoclaves and CO2 tanks where needed, and all preventative maintenance
- 10) Replacement of worn cages, racks and blowers
- 11) Certification of cage change stations every 2 years and preventative maintenance
- 12) Certification of biologic hoods yearly
- 13) Certification of OLAC Anesthesia machines annually
- 14) Quality Assurance/Control
  - a. Sentinel Program - tested quarterly
  - c. Sterilization confirmation and record keeping- for autoclave testing every 3-6 months
  - d. ATP testing quarterly
- 15) Maintain a stocked pharmacy
- 16) Purchasing, receiving, and transfers of animals
  - a) Additional fee for transfers to a different building
- 17) PPE
- 18) Clean cage stock kept in the area and available.
- 19) Standard cage cards
- 20) Census Scanning
- 21) Overcrowded cage compliance
- 22) Printing stickers for cage cards and special services
- 23) Cayuse Software program, providing billing, recharge assistance and health case tracking
- 24) Facility Services liaison
- 25) Maintenance of vivarium WiFi and security
- 26) Key Card reader purchase and maintenance
- 27) Purchasing animal care supplies including feed, bedding and standard enrichment
- 28) Telephones

29) Answering Service for after hours calls