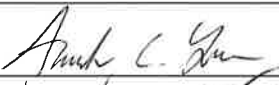
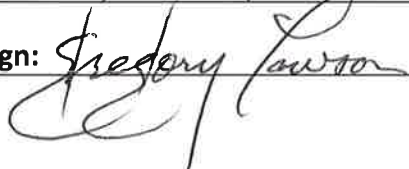




OFFICE OF LABORATORY ANIMAL CARE

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

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PURPOSE

These procedures outline the protocols for capturing a loose bat.

SCOPE

These procedures apply to all personnel working in the bat area.

RESPONSIBILITY

Following these procedures is the responsibility of all OLAC employees and bat lab members.

DEFINITIONS/ACRONYMS

- OLAC: Office of Laboratory Animal Care
- PPE: Personal Protective Equipment

PROCEDURE

1. In the event that a bat escapes from its cage inside the animal room or the laboratory, close all doors immediately to ensure that the escaped animal stays within the room.
2. In the event that a bat escapes from its cage during transport or escapes the housing room and anteroom into the main hallway, close all surrounding doors in hallway (if present) to limit additional routes for animal to escape.
3. Only trained staff wearing appropriate PPE (see SOP 503: Bat Safety for more information) may attempt to capture loose animals. Gather needed supplies to capture escaped animal:
 - a. a net or other approved device
 - b. approved catch gloves.

4. If capture is unsuccessful or you require help/additional supplies, post a sign on the door (available in sleeve on the doors to the housing rooms) saying, ANIMAL LOOSE - DO NOT ENTER.
 - a. If animal is not contained in a room (i.e. in hallway) and capture is unsuccessful, immediately notify facility supervisor and veterinary staff and wait for assistance from trained staff.
 - b. If untrained lab members or staff are in the area where the animal is loose, calmly instruct them to take an alternative pathway or wait until animal is captured before returning to the area.
5. Once netted, place the bat back in its home cage if known. If the home cage is not known, place the bat in a hospital cage and notify the veterinary staff per "SOP 621- OLAC Health Communication." If the bat came from a colony room, place bat in a hospital cage and notify the veterinary staff per "SOP 621- OLAC Health Communication."
6. After the animal has been housed, the room should be secured and veterinary staff notified per "SOP 621- OLAC Health Communication."
 - a. The animal will be examined by the veterinary staff for injuries resulting in the escape and recapture.
 - b. Check cages, latches, and/or enclosures to assess the mode of escape, if not already known.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- SOP 503- Fruit Bat Safety
- SOP 621- OLAC Health Communication

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