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Title: Daily Observation/Actions for Biomedical Research Animals and Non-Agricultural Teaching Animals

I. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to outline the required minimum standard for observations of biomedical research animals and non-agricultural teaching animals.

II. Policy:

All animals must be observed daily for signs of illness, injury, or abnormal behavior by a person who has been trained to recognize such signs. (*Guide*, pg. 112) Observations must be recorded/documented at least daily.

III. Procedure:

Refer to species specific standards of care for observation policies on the Campus Veterinary Services website

Morbidities and mortalities must be reported as outlined in the Animal Care Program Veterinary Care Policy

For Agricultural Animals refer to *Husbandry and Handling of Beef Cattle* species specific Standards of Care regarding minimum standard of observations for non-biomedical agricultural animals (i.e. example range housed cattle).