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Title: Housekeeping in Facilities Housing Biomedical Research and Teaching Animals

I. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for providing a clean and safe environment in animal facilities

II. Policy:

All components of the animal facility must be kept organized, clean and in good working condition as required by the Animal Welfare Act and the ILAR *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*.

III. Procedure:

Buildings and grounds shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth.

Animal facilities shall be kept free of clutter, unnecessary storage of equipment, and trash.

Animal housing rooms, prep rooms and surgery rooms shall not be used for storage. Only items needed for the specific tasks required shall be available in these rooms.

Designated storage rooms shall store items off the floor on either mobile carts or cabinets or storage units that do not rest directly on the floor, for easy sanitization. Corridors are not appropriate storage areas (*Guide*, pg. 141).

Hallways and support spaces must be cleaned regularly to prevent contamination. Hallway floors must be disinfected regularly.

Cleaning utensils (brooms, mops, etc...) should be assigned to designated areas and kept in one location for use to prevent cross contamination. Room and facility order will be observed with respect to moving supplies between areas. Questions regarding acceptable traffic patterns should be directed to the facility manager or Campus Veterinary Services (lahc@ucdavis.edu).

When equipment is shared between areas, it must be disinfected before being moved

from one area to another.

Cleaning utensils or equipment from biohazard or infectious areas or areas under quarantine should be sterilized or replaced to prevent transferring infectious agents to other rooms. Cleaning utensils (mop heads, mop buckets) must be clean and in good working condition. Dirty items must be cleaned. Broken or frayed items must be replaced.