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Title: Housekeeping in Facilities Housing Large/Agricultural 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 units providing animal care for large/agriculture animals must meet or exceed these minimum requirements for housekeeping and be kept organized, clean and in good working condition as required based on the *Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching* (the Ag Guide). Animals used in biomedical research and non-standard Ag practice teaching must additionally meet the requirements in the Animal Welfare Act and the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, current addition covered on the *Standards of Care 50-101 Housekeeping in Facilities Housing Biomedical Research and Teaching 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.
- Managers should routinely inspect the facilities to ensure cleanliness and to maintain a regular maintenance schedule based on use.
- Building interiors, corridors, storage spaces, anterooms, and other areas should be cleaned AND disinfected if that is appropriate.
- Hoses, shovels, and other tools that are needed for cleaning should be readily available. Tools dedicated to specific barns or areas, help prevent cross-contamination of possible pathogens.
- Waste containers should be emptied frequently.
- Sanitation equipment should be stored appropriately and away from animal contact, preferably up off of the floor. Cleaning chemicals should not be stored

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near feed of any kind, and secondary containment should be used if possible. Animal handling facilities should be regularly cleaned after use and maintained in good working condition.