

Animal Care Personnel  
Facility Manager, Technical Staff, Veterinary Staff  
To Outline the Proper Procedures for Receiving, Physical  
Examination, Evaluating Health Status, Handling, Care and  
Husbandry Practices Related to Guinea Pigs

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1. To ensure the highest quality of animal health and preclude the development of spontaneous diseases or disorders, which could compromise the integrity of studies and the interpretation of results.
  2. To ensure personnel handling guinea pigs perform their duties in a manner that complies with all current governing laws, regulations and guidelines.
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1. The Veterinarians oversee all aspects of animal health, and are assisted by all program staff.
  2. Facility Managers ensure implementation of all procedures.
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    - a. Individual cage cards are prepared for each animal and include the following information:
      1. Investigator
      2. IACUC #
      3. Species
      4. Sex
      5. DOB (or age on arrival if unavailable)
      6. Body Weight
      7. Arrival Date
      8. Source
      9. Animal Number
    - b. Animal Medical Records are required for all animals, and can be maintained as either individual medical records or as colony records: ( **SOP #012** entitled, **Animal Medical Records**)
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- d. Technicians will notify the Facility Manager regarding any damage to crate or contents.
- e. Facility Managers will notify the Fiscal and Business Specialist of damaged or rejected shipments, or orders improperly filled (i.e., weight, age, number requested).
- f. Clinical Veterinarians will be immediately notified of health concerns or deaths occurring in transit.
- g. Shipping containers are lightly sprayed with Oxivir Tb™ and taken to the housing room.
- h. Animals are placed in cages according to



3. Any clinical abnormalities or complications
4. Any treatments administered in response to observed abnormalities
5. Any experimental procedures

**NOTE- Whenever health status/observations for an individual animal differ from colony animal's health status/observations, an entry specific to that animal must be made in the**

- applicable) and allow the waterline to flush at maximum flow for approximately 5 minutes
2. Sanitize lixits with Oxivir Tb™ and thoroughly rinse/flush after the appropriate contact time.
  3. Sanitize mop head.
  4. Sanitize enrichment items.
  5. Wipe down door and doorframe with Oxivir Tb™
  6. Physically count animals within the room.
- d. include:
1. Sanitize all room cleaning equipment (e.g., mop, mop bucket, broom, dust pan, feed pan, etc.).
  2. Check/clean HVAC vents and replace air filters as needed.
- e. include:
1. Confirm diurnal light timers are accurately controlling animal room lights (HOBO) and record.
  2. Wash walls with Oxivir Tb™ as needed.