



Fruit Bat Health Check



The items below were demonstrated by the trainer and performed by the technician.

Ensure the door to the corridor is fully closed prior to entering housing rooms from the anteroom.

Health Check:

- Perform health checks in the morning unless instructed otherwise by the Facility Supervisor or Veterinarians.
- Assess every cage or colony room for health abnormalities, use a flashlight when necessary.
 - Use a step stool for mid and high-level cages.
 - Lift up hanging towels in cages to visualize the bats and assess health.
- Report health concerns in cages by placing a pink health check Post-it® and immediately send a message to the “health-usda” slack group with a short description of the health concern
 - For bats found with a health concern in the colony rooms, send a message to the “health-usda” slack group.
- If a health concern is found that prevents work from safely continuing (e.g., bat on floor in colony room).
 - Stop all cleaning until the bat is evaluated by the vet staff or safely isolated in a hospital cage.

Dead Animals:

- Don approved bite-resistant gloves.
- Take a scanner located in the anteroom drawers and turn on the device.
 - Hover the scanner near the shoulder and back area of the bat.
 - A microchip number will appear on the screen that corresponds to the bat’s individual ID number.
- Place the carcass in a red plastic biohazard bag.
- Seal the bag closed (e.g., knot, tape, zip tie).
- Spray the outside of the bag with approved disinfectant.
- Label the bag with room number, investigator, microchip number, and date.
- Place the bag in the designated refrigerator.
- Notify the veterinary staff immediately via “health-usda” slack group.

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