



Rabbit Health Check Training



Health Check: Perform health checks in the morning unless instructed otherwise by the Facility Supervisor or Veterinarians.			
Assess each cage for health abnormalities, use a flashlight when necessary. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a step stool for mid and high-level cages. • Lower cages can be visualized by either removing the cage from the rack or by kneeling on knees. 			
Mark health concerns with a pink health check Post-it® and immediately report the health concern by sending a message to the "health-usda" slack group.			
Remove dead animals from the cage and place them in a bag. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Label the bag with room number, cage number, date, and PI name. • Mark the cage card with a red dot labeled "FDIC", the number of animals found dead and the date. • Place the carcass into the bin with the corresponding day of the week in the carcass storage area. • Report the dead animal by sending a message to the "health-usda" slack group. 			
Feed: Feed animals approved diet ad libitum. Check the food hopper by lifting the top lid and fill with food when the food hopper is below half (½) full.			
Replace the food hopper if signs of mold, moisture, or pests are present.			
Check and clear the base of the feeder if blocked with debris (Ex: excess cage bedding).			
Bedding/Cage: Check pan liners and replace when heavily soiled. (e.g. when 50% or more of the liner is covered with water, urine, and/or feces). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slide the cage tray out and remove the soiled liner by folding it into a small bundle, then discard it into the trash. • Place a new liner into the tray and slide the tray back underneath the cage. 			
Assess each cage for flooding, heavy soiling, mold, and/or defective parts.			
Remove any leftover dietary enrichment (e.g., fruits/vegetables) from the previous day (If applicable).			
Water: Provide water ad libitum from an approved source (NAF cage wash bottle filler, NAF hydropac water hose, LKS hydropac water hose).			
Replace water that is less than half (½) full.			
Check the sipper tube for leaks. If leaks are present, replace the sipper tube.			
Enrichment: Place enrichment into each cage according to the "Rabbit Enrichment" schedule posted in the housing room. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrichment offerings include toys, hay, and other approved fresh vegetables and fruits. 			
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