



Vole Health Check Training



	Safety:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For mid and high-level cages, use a step stool. Moving or lifting anything above the head is discouraged. • Visualize lower cages by kneeling onto your knees. Use knee protection for kneeling on the ground. • Animal handling: Wear leather or other approved bite-resistant gloves. 		
	Health Check:		
	Perform health checks in the morning unless instructed otherwise by the Facility Supervisor or Veterinarian.		
	Assess every cage for health abnormalities, use a flashlight when necessary.		
	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.		
	Feed must be at least half (½) full and free of mold/moisture.		
	Fill the food hopper with food once it falls below half (½) of the food hopper.		
	Water:		
	Provide water ad libitum from an approved source (NAF cage wash bottle filler)		
	Replace water that is less than half (½) full		
	Bedding/Cage:		
	Assess each cage for flooding, heavy soiling, mold, and/or defective parts. Change cages found with heavy soiling, floods, mold, and/or defective parts.		
	Escaped Animal:		
	Contact the Vet staff and/or Facility Supervisor if capture assistance is needed. Only handle the animals if you have been trained using proper vole handling techniques.		
	If the animal escapes during routine care, attempt to capture the animal. Return the animal to the home cage.		
	If there is an animal found outside of a cage and the origin is not known, contact the Vet Staff and/or Facility Supervisor immediately. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempt to capture the animal. • Isolate the captured animal into an empty cage containing food and water. 		
Link	https://olac.berkeley.edu/WIN-&-Guidelines to access WIN 603		
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