

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE #532
VERMIN CONTROL PROGRAM

5.2.2. Feed and bedding storage areas:

5.2.2.1. Prevent vermin access to feed and bedding storage areas:

5.2.2.1.1. Install door sweeps on all feed room doors.

5.2.2.1.2. Store feed bags on pallets or shelves kept far enough away from walls so as to allow regular cleaning and inspection.

5.2.2.2. Areas should be clean, and free from accumulated waste and vermin.

5.2.2.3. Store hay in an area isolated from the food and bedding of other laboratory animals.

5.2.2.4. A sanitation program should be available indicating the frequency of cleaning and the methods to be used to clean storage areas.

5.2.3. Do not store large quantities of feed or bedding in animal holding rooms. When storing small amounts

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6.2.3. Control vermin that have accessed the buildings:

6.2.3.1. Limit access of vermin to feed supplies and water sources.

6.2.3.2. If using barn cats as vermin control, ensure the following measures are taken:

6.2.3.2.1. Spay or neuter all barn cats on protocol for vermin control.

6.2.3.2.2. Vaccinate cats against common cat diseases.

6.2.3.2.3. Keep individual health records for each cat.

6.3. Monitoring:

6.3.1. Inspect live trap bait stations a minimum of once a day.

6.3.1.3. Document all live trap monitoring and subsequent actions in a vermin control log.

6.3.2. Place rodent traps in areas of concern (i.e., feed/bedding storage, under sinks, near outdoor entrance, etc

