

Purdue University Laboratory Animal Program Standards of Care

Title: Housekeeping in Facilities Housing Large/Agricultural Animals

I. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for providing a clean and safe environment in animal facilities

II. Policy:

All units providing animal care for large/agriculture animals must meet or exceed these minimum requirements for housekeeping and be kept organized, clean and in good working condition as required based on the *Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching* (the Ag Guide). Animals used in biomedical research and non- standard Ag practice teaching must additionally meet the requirements in the Animal Welfare Act and the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, current addition covered on the *Standards of Care 50-101 Housekeeping in Facilities Housing Biomedical Research and Teaching Animals*

III. Procedure:

- Buildings and grounds shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth.
- Managers should routinely inspect the facilities to ensure cleanliness and to maintain a regular maintenance schedule based on use.
- Building interiors, corridors, storage spaces, anterooms, and other areas should be cleaned AND disinfected if that is appropriate.
- Hoses, shovels, and other tools that are needed for cleaning should be readily available. Shovels and tools dedicated to specific barns or areas help prevent cross-contamination of possible pathogens.
- Waste containers should be emptied frequently.
- Sanitation equipment should be stored appropriately and away from animal contact preferably up off of the floor. Animal handling facilities should be regularly cleaned after use and maintained in good working condition.