

SOP: **LARC-17**

Title: **Vermin Traps**

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to describe the method and policy for the use of vermin traps. This SOP applies to the Laboratory Animal Research Core's Animals Facilities on the campus of the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

POLICY

It is LARC policy to meet or exceed all federal, state, and local regulations and guidelines and to comply with all institutional policies and procedures as they apply to the use of animals in research. Personnel must attend any applicable training in animal care and use, occupational health and safety, equipment operation, and Standard Operating Procedures prior to performing activities outlined in this SOP or work under the direct supervision of a trained LARC staff member.

REFERENCES

A. Laboratory Animal Research Core Personnel

PROCEDURES

- A.** Animal facilities have the potential for vermin not associated with inventoried animals to enter the facility. As this poses possible risks to research animals and/or personnel, measures are taken to reduce the risk of vermin invasion.

- B.** Vermin traps will be used for this purpose. Wherever there is a high risk of potential vermin infestation, traps will be present.

- C.** Vermin traps will be checked daily for the presence of vermin. This will ensure if an animal has been caught, the animal's welfare will be considered opposed to checking the traps at a less often interval.

- D.** If sticky-glue traps are used, they will be disposed according to their condition. If non-disposable traps (mechanical closed traps) are used, they will be sanitized when the entire room is sanitized, after an animal has been caught and removed or they show signs of gross debris.

- E.** In the event an animal is caught, the LARC Veterinarian will be notified immediately as to a course of action to be taken.

- F.** Insects caught by traps will not be reported unless a continual trend is found regarding any particular species. In this case, an exterminator and the LARC Veterinarian will be contacted.