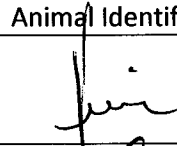


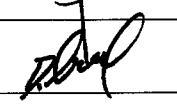


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Title: SOP - Animal Identification  
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1. Purpose

1.1 This SOP outlines the requirements of animal identification.

2. Responsibility

2.1 Animal Care Facility Personnel and Principal Investigators

3. Definitions

3.1 ACF - Animal Care Facility

4. Guidelines

4.1 Each regulated laboratory animal shall be identified with a unique marking.

4.1.1 Cats

4.1.1.1 Cats arriving at Florida International University are identified by an official tattoo number or an official tag. The tattoo number and or official tag number will be used to uniquely identify each cat.

4.1.1.2 If a cat arrives without a USDA number, notify the Attending Veterinarian immediately.

4.1.1.3 If the cat cannot tolerate the collar with the tag, the tag can be attached to the door of the primary enclosure, but the cat will need to be identified in other ways (tattoos, plastic collars) if shares the enclosure with other cats.

4.1.1.4 If the cat is euthanized, the tag shall be retained for at least 1 year or until called by APHIS.

#### 4.1.2 Rabbits

4.1.2.1 Upon arrival, each rabbit shall be identified by a unique series of letters and or numbers. A permanent sharpie brand marker can be used to record the assigned identification directly on the inside skin surface of the rabbit's ear. Tattooing the ear is also an option.

#### 4.1.3 Rats and Mice

4.1.3.1 Upon arrival rats and mice are not usually individually identified. If needed, the following methods could be used.

4.1.3.1.1 Rodents could receive a metal tag placed in the ear containing a unique number. If a replacement tag is required, the new number shall be appropriately documented, and traceability to the original number shall be maintained.

4.1.3.1.2 Ear notching is also acceptable dependent upon study protocol.

4.1.3.1.3 Rats can be marked with a permanent sharpie brand marker on their tails with different colors and number of bands (i.e. red 1, red 2, etc.).

4.1.3.1.4 Rodents can be identified by using microchip transponders. Transponders are implanted subcutaneously and are interrogated by radio frequencies providing the preprogrammed animal's ID number.

## 5. References

### 5.1 Animal Welfare Act & Regulations (9 CFR Chapter 1)