



**Florida State University
Laboratory Animal Resources**

Integrated Pest Management Plan

1.0 Scope and Application

Programs designed to prevent, control, or eliminate the presence of infestation by pests are essential in an animal environment. The ideal program prevents the entry of vermin and eliminates their harborage in the facility. The procedures outlined below detail pest control procedures for Florida State University Laboratory Animal Resources (LAR).

2.0 Summary of Method

- Good housekeeping is the responsibility of all LAR and research personnel. LAR facilities should be kept free of clutter, unnecessary storage of equipment, and trash to prevent harborage of pests. Items should be stored off the floor and away from walls to facilitate sanitation. All building integrity issues should be reported promptly to the LAR Assistant Director and relayed promptly to the FSU Facilities Department.
- LAR and research personnel are instructed to look for and report evidence of arthropod or rodent infiltration. Evidence of pests should be reported to the LAR Assistant Director.
- LAR contracts with a local vendor to provide trained personnel to regularly apply approved pest treatment in LAR facilities, including animal rooms. Treatments are selected in consultation between LAR and the FSU Facilities Department and with knowledge of research personnel. Whenever possible, nontoxic means of pest control, such as insect growth regulators and nontoxic substances, should be used. Research personnel must receive advance notice before pest treatment measures.

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