STONEHILL

COLLEGE
Animals of Unknown Origin SOP

The intent of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) covers animals of unknown origin that are found within the Stonehill Animal Facility and cannot be identified as part of any approved protocol. This procedure is approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of Stonehill College. Any exemption must be approved by the IACUC prior to its application.

1. **Purpose**: To minimize the possible disease/pathogen exposure to the research colony from an animal of unknown origin. It is the responsibility of the investigator, technician, or student performing the task to follow the procedures established in this document.

2. **Procedures:**

   a. Once an individual animal is found it must be housed in its own separate cage.

   b. After being placed in its own cage, follow the procedures outlined in "Escaped Animal Policy".

   c. If the animal cannot be identified, it must be placed immediately in the quarantine room.

   d. If no research animal is missing, and the source of the animal is unknown then the Consulting Veterinarian should be contacted.

   e. The animal may be examined and tested for pathogens and/or euthanized at the discretion of the Consulting Veterinarian.

   f. If the animal is found in a shipping container, and no animals were expected that day, then the Animal Facility Manager or designee will do the following:

      1. All current animal orders received by the Animal Facility Manager will be checked and the vendors called to see if any animal delivery dates were changed.

      2. If there are no current animal orders on file, then the manager or designee will contact all Principal Investigators to determine if an order was placed.

      3. If the animal is found to be an expected order, it will be placed in accordance with "Animal Acquisition, Receiving, and Acclimatization".

      4. If the animal cannot be identified as an expected order then the Consulting Veterinarian will be called and the animal will be euthanized at her discretion.