**Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) For Feeding of Lab. Animals**

1. **PURPOSE:** This procedure is to describe the procedure of feeding and watering of laboratory animals properly.
2. **RESPONSIBILITY:** It is the responsibility of the staffs, students and researchers adhere to this SOP.

**PROCEDURE**

Animals will be fed with a good quality diet ad libitum.

Species specific pelleted/feed will be autoclaved as required to reduce chances of contamination by microorganisms.

The animal care staff is responsible for posting instructions on the animal cage and documenting when animal is feed/watered.

Pelleted feed will be placed in stainless steel feeders attached to the plastic cages or in a wire top lid.

Diet should check daily and additional diet must be added as needed.

Diet should completely replace with the new diet every week.

Clean feed container should be used for proper feed storage.

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