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SOUTH TEXAS VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM  
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RESEARCH SERVICE  
MEMORANDUM NO. 06-8

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ANIMAL CARE AND USE PROGRAM

Vermin Control Program

1. PURPOSE: To establish policy and procedures for maintaining a vermin control program within the Veterinary Medical Unit.

2. POLICY:

a. In accordance with the "Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals" (NIH No. 85-23), a vermin control program has been established in cooperation with Environmental Management Service' contract pest controller.

b.. Certain non-animal housing areas within the Veterinary Medical Unit have been targeted for pesticide application on a monthly basis. These non-animal areas include the cage washroom, treatment room, restrooms, necropsy room, and VMU office. Pesticides to be used for crack and crevice application in these areas include:

(1) Cynoff (Cypermethrin) Wettable Powder

(2) Maxforce Roach Gel

(3) PT565 (Pyrethrin) Aerosol

c. Animal housing areas will be monitored by use of nontoxic adhesive devices (Mr. Sticky glueboards) only.

d. In the event monitors indicate a pesticide is warranted, the following pesticides have been determined safe and effective for use within animal rooms:

(1) Maxforce Pharaoh Ant Killer

(2) Maxforce Roach Control System

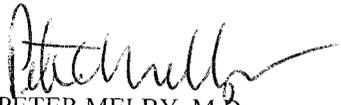
(3) B.A.I.D. (Boric acid)

(4) Perma-Dust PT 240 (Boric acid)

(5) Maxforce Roach Gel

e. Any deviation in the vermin control program will not be implemented without the approval of concerned investigators.

3. RESCISSION: Research Service Memorandum 05-8, dated April 14, 2005.

  
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