



Animal Resource Center

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR ANIMAL IODINE USAGE

I. Purpose:

The intent of this standard operating procedure (SOP) is to describe how to treat minor animal injuries. This SOP is intended for use by all personnel that handle animals, or materials that come in contact with animal bodily fluids or tissues. This SOP is approved by the Marquette University Institutional Care and Use Committee (IACUCC) and the Occupational Health and Safety Coordinator (OHS).

A minor animal injury is defined as an animal that has scratches, bites or any other superficial injuries. Any injury that does not affect the animals ability to eat, drink, mobility, or places the animal in distress.

II. Abbreviations:

ARC- Animal Resource Center
SC- Schroeder Complex Animal Facility
WLS- Wehr Life Sciences Animal Facility

III. Procedures:

Iodine can be used on animals as an antiseptic when any of the following conditions are met:

- Post surgery incision / stapled and or stitched sites.
- On any scrapes, bites or lesions that the animal may endure from a cage mate.
 - a. If there are signs of fighting between cage mates, place iodine on the wounds of the injured animal and place animals in separate cages with clean bedding, water, food and cage card.
 - b. If the animal's health has deteriorated (not eating or drinking, no signs of activity) the animal may have to be euthanized. Follow the ARC euthanasia procedures.
- On any open wound.

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