

## **Fight Wounds (FW)**

Clinical Observation: Two or more rodents in cage and at least one animal has lesions (maybe dry with or with discharge) on body (usually back/rump, tail, elbows).

Treatment: Separate and Monitor for two weeks. If treatment is necessary, treat with topical triple antibiotic ointment daily for 7 days → Recheck and evaluate → if no improvement or condition worsens, recommend humane euthanasia to PI / contact person

Plan: Remove the Aggressive animal (usually animals without lesions) from cage within 24 hours of notification (phone or email). Inform PI and/or Lab's contact person. **If no response from PI and/or Lab's contact person**, DLAR will separate rodents at Attending Veterinarian's request and the PI's lab will be charged.

### **Steps for submitting DLAR Request for Health Check**

1. Animal Care Person (DLAR personnel, PI Lab person) will complete DLAR Request for Health Check form and place red Veterinary Examination card in cage cardholder
2. Give completed DLAR Request form to area supervisor, veterinarian or veterinary technician (**Page Veterinarian / veterinary technician when necessary**)
3. Veterinarian / veterinary technician will examine animal, make comments on DLAR Request for Health Check form and red Veterinary Examination card with date and initials
4. Contact PI or contact person (phone, email and/or fax) and to discuss plans for treatment or to recommend humane euthanasia by specified time period
5. Treatments will be done by a DLAR veterinarian, supervisor or designated veterinary technician and recorded on DLAR Request for Health Check form and red Veterinary Examination card.

### **Conditions That Require Immediate Examination (Page Veterinarian when Necessary)**

Moribund (near death) animal e.g...hunched posture, thin, weak, anemic, hypothermic, dyspneic

Dystocia (difficult birth)

Dyspneic (difficult breathing)

Bleeding (fresh) wound

Prolapsed rectums or genitalia

Dehiscence (opening or rupturing) of wound or surgical sites

Paresis/ Paralysis

Not able to eat or drink (dehydrated, malocclusion, oral tumor)

Rodent showing signs of pain