

HARLAN CHECKLIST FOR ANIMALS' HEALTH STATUS

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1. The animal appears alert, mobile and is not isolated from its box mates.

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2. No squealing on handling.

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3. Normal coat with no signs of hair loss, staring coat, loss of sheen or staining around perineum.

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4. Normal number of limbs/eyes/ears.

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5. Normal appearance of eyes – eyelids not closed, eyes not sunken or glazed; no evidence of nasal or ocular discharge.

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6. No evidence of hunching.

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7. Normal respiration with no evidence of panting, laboured breathing, grunting prior to expiration or grating teeth.

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8. Normal appearance of faeces – no evidence of diarrhoea.

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9. Normal locomotor activity – no evidence of twitching, fitting, tremors, convulsions, paralysis, shivering, sluggish or absent reflexes. No evidence of unsteady gait, lameness, muscle flaccidity, rigidity or weakness.

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10. No abnormal swellings or protrusions.

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