

## **Course description for the Introduction Wet Labs for the following species: Mouse, Rat, Guinea Pig and Hamster**

**Instructor:** Animal Health Technician

**Session Dates:** Three times per month, see on-line training schedule.

**Session Length:** 3 hour

**Who Should Attend:** All students and researchers who need to work with one or more of the rodent species.

**Prerequisite:** Animal User Training Course or equivalent, Facility Orientation

### **Training Session Objectives:**

1. Confidently and safely handle and restrain the species.
2. Determine the sex of the species
3. To become familiar with the appearance of a normal, healthy animal and be able to recognize common signs of pain, distress, injury or illness.
4. Understand how to apply individual methods of identification.
5. To be able to weigh the animal
6. Know how to humanely euthanize a rodent and provide assurance of death. One animal will be euthanized with CO<sub>2</sub> or an overdose of euthanyl. Death will be assured by performing a bilateral pneumothorax.

**Rooms Required:** Technical room

**Min/Max # of People:** 1 to 3

**Additional technical procedures taught as required.**