**Bird Clinical Record Coversheet**

1. **CONTACT DETAILS**

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| **Contact Type** | **Name** | **Contact Number** |
| Chief Investigator: |  |  |
| Animal Facility Coordinator: | Leslie Morrison | ext. 12196 |
| Project attendant: |  |  |
| AWO: | Lewis Vaughan | Ph. 0450 424 143 |
| Animal Ethics Officer: | Alison Elder | ext. 15962 |
| Other (please specify): |  |  |

1. **PROJECT INFORMATION**

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| **Project Number** | **Project Title** | **Chief Investigator** | **Monitoring Start Date** | **Approval Expiry Date** |
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1. **SPECIES**

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| **Common Name** | **Scientific Name** | **Environmental Parameters** |
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1. **ANIMAL MONITORING CRITERIA**

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| **Monitoring Criteria** | **No obvious deviation from normal\*** | **Slight or intermittent or possible deviation from normal\*** | **Moderate or consistent or definite deviation from normal\*** |
| **Score** (see key) | **0** | **1** | **2** |
| Feeding | As expected for species. | As expected for species. | No interest or signs of eating for 48 hours |
| Appearance | Skin & body conformation normal. | Any sign of discharge from eyes, nose or cloaca, abnormal body shape, injuries, swelling, or excessive diarrhoea. Abnormal respiration. | Continuous signs of discharge from eyes, nose or cloaca, abnormal body shape, injuries, swelling, or excessive diarrhoea for 48 hours. |
| Behaviour | Active within normal parameters for species. | Abnormal level of activity or movement. | Abnormal level of activity or movement for 48 hours. |
| Mortalities | As per approval. | Contact AWO. | Contact AWO. |

1. **RESEARCHER NOMINATED ACTIONS AND INTERVENTIONS FOR ANIMAL MONITORING**

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| **Score** | **Assessment** | **Actions/Interventions** |
| **0** | Normal | No action **(daily calendar signature)** |
| **1** | Animal demonstrates minor level of deviation from normal | Increase monitoring to twice daily until condition resolved and initiate any approved treatments e.g. isolation, medication, increase in food, or topical ointments. |
| **2** | Animal demonstrates moderate or major deviation from normal | Notify animal house manager, CI, and AWO. Continue with treatment or euthanize if recommended. |

Any bird that remains unresponsive to treatment shall be euthanized as per “**Working with Birds SOP**” (on AWC webpage and Animal House V: Drive) in consultation with the Chief Investigator, Deputy Investigator, AWO, and/or AWO delegate.

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| **Note: Training by the AWO/CI or pictures or video footage of the monitoring criteria at the various scoring points is recommended to ensure all personnel are consistent in terms of scoring.** |

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL RECORD SHEET**

**YES** an **“Environmental Record Sheet”** is attached. (IN COMMUNICATION FOLDER)

**NO** an **“Environmental Record Sheet”** isn’t attached.

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING CRITERIA**

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| **Monitoring Criteria** | **Acceptable – No Intervention Required** | **Intervention or Scheduled for remediation within 48 hours** | **Immediate Intervention** | **Type of Intervention** |
| **Environmental** | **0** | **1** | **2** |  |
| **Temperature °C** | Within +/- 3 of optimum. | Within +/- 3 to 5 of optimum. | > 5 from optimum | Increase heating/ cooling, replace equipment, or contact maintenance. |
| **Substrate** | < 1 tbsp of faeces and seed accumulation. | 1 - 2 tbsp of faeces and seed accumulation. | >2 tbsp of faeces and seed accumulation. Diarrhoea. | Clean cage floor/ perches, remove seed accumulation. For outside aviaries schedule weekly removal equivalent to quantity of seed provided. |
| **Water** | Water container clean and more than ½ full. Water free of seed or algal growth. | Water container less than ¼ full. Signs of algal growth. | Water bowl empty. Faeces or seed in water. | Clean and refill water container. |
| **Shelter** | Structurally sound and clean. | Soiled, signs of wear and tear, or potential breakage. | Broken, risk to animal health, or soiled with diarrhoea. | Clean or replace shelter. |
| **Enrichment** | Present and usable. | Enrichment needing replacing or washing. | Enrichment creating health or escape risk. | Remove or adjust anything dangerous/ providing means of escape. Provide new enrichment. |

1. **MONITORING FREQUENCY**

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| **Monitoring Frequency** | **Action** |
| **Bird Monitoring** | |
| **Daily** | Skin and body conformation normal. |
| Normal respiration. |
| Behaviour within normal parameters for that species. |
| Significant appetite change. |
| **Weekly** |  |
| **Monthly** | Bird counting and cross checking with health/movement records. |
| **Room/Environmental Monitoring** | |
| **Daily** | Appropriate room temperature. |
| Water container at acceptable level and free of algal growth and seed. |
| Substrate free of excess faeces and seed. |
| **Weekly** | Enrichment present and usable. |
| **As Required** | Electrical equipment operational and safety tested. |

1. **RESEARCHER NOMINATED ACTIONS AND INTERVENTIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING**

Any changes in environmental conditions will be rectified in accordance with the prescribed intervention points and actions, using methods that minimise stress for the birds.

During periods of extreme weather, additional shelter in the form of nesting material and vegetation will be provided for animals housed outside. Overhead sprinklers will also be set to run during warmer months.

1. **AEC NOMINATED ACTIONS AND INTERVENTIONS**

**The Clinical Record Sheet should be tailored to include these as part of project approval process.**

1. **INSTRUCTIONS**
2. Any abnormality that is observed to be of greater severity than the descriptors above, or a deviation from approved protocol, requires consultation with the AWO and recorded as an unexpected adverse event.
3. All unexpected adverse events must be reported immediately (within 24 hours) to the Animal House manager, AWO and CI and an Unexpected Adverse Event Report completed in consultation with or by the CI and submitted to the Animal Ethics Officer within 3 working days.