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Mouse Restraint – One Handed SOP #A-105

This one handed method of restraint allows the other hand to give injections, administer fluids, etc.

Technique:

1. Move or lift the mouse from its cage by grasping the base of the tail.
2. Place the mouse on a surface it can grip such as a wire bar cage top.
3. Place your free hand gently but firmly over the animals shoulder.
4. Restrain the mouse by quickly grasping the scruff close to the base of the skull with the tips of your thumb and fore finger and then placing the tail under your little finger.
5. Constantly observe the mouse during restraint. If the animal shows signs of respiratory distress, slightly loosen grip, or release the animal into a safe place.