Wildlife, Bird and Rodent Control Measures

Eliminate Openings for Rodents or Birds

- Seal any openings greater than ¼ - ½ inch in stalls, storage areas and food bins with a durable material.

- Use sealing material that wildlife, birds and rodents cannot easily penetrate by gnawing or pecking, such as concrete, brick, sheet metal, aluminum or wire mesh. Avoid use of plastic sheeting, wood or rubber sealing materials, which rodents can penetrate.

- Equip all drain pipes and floor drains with metal grates to prevent rodent entry into buildings.

- Place gravel around the stabling area to discourage rodents from burrowing into buildings.

Eliminate Potential Food Sources

- Store open feed in sealed containers, preferably made of metal with tight fitting lids

- Clean up spilled feed immediately.

- Empty trash cans daily.

Use of Rodents Traps and Bait

- Before the event, place rodent traps and baits around the premises to reduce the number of rodents. Set traps close to walls, in dark corners and behind objects, such as machinery, in any areas where there is evidence of rodent activity. Place rodent baits in areas not accessible to children or other animals.

- Use rodent baits according to the label instructions. Place rodent baits in areas protected from exposure to weather elements.

- Inspect rodent traps regularly and dispose of dead rodents promptly. Refresh rodent bait as necessary.

For additional guidance, contact a wildlife and pest control professional to assist with plan development.

Removal of Hiding, Nesting and Resting Sites

- Store all equipment in stabling area off the ground or on easily moveable racks to allow routine cleaning around and under equipment.

- Stack unopened grain sacks on raised pallets positioned with adequate spacing around them to allow inspection for signs of rodent activity.

- Maintain water level in troughs deep enough to prevent birds from standing in the water.