December 15, 2017

TO: Building Users in Streisinger, Huestis, LISB, Klamath and Deschutes Halls
Re: Prohibition on Feeding Wild Animals

Dear Building Users,

This is a friendly reminder of the University’s prohibition on feeding wild animals at University owned or leased locations, as described in University of Oregon’s Animal Control Policy IV.05.02. Feeding squirrels/birds and other wildlife may seem a positive and benign activity, but often attracts feral rodents. Attractive conditions for rodent populations can lead to human health concerns, and they create significant biosecurity concerns for the research animals within Terrestrial Animal Care Services. To manage these impacts of rodents and other unwanted wildlife, the University implements a robust Integrated Pest Management Program. This program focuses on eliminating conditions attractive to pests, eliminating existing pest populations, and ensuring protection of human health and the environment.

Issues with rodents and other unwanted wildlife, and feeding of wildlife, have a history of recurring in the immediate vicinity of Streisinger Hall and the Lewis Integrative Science Building. The health of adjacent research animal colonies is critical to the success of research being performed at the University, and your assistance educating staff and students about exposures created by feeding wildlife is greatly appreciated.

Questions about the University’s Animal Control Policy and the Integrated Pest Management Program should be directed to Environmental Health and Safety. Questions about the biosecurity impacts to research animal colonies should be directed to Terrestrial Animal Care Services.

Respectfully,

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