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Category E Justification

Toe clipping – Anesthesia/opioid analgesia that would leave the animal drowsy cannot be used as the animal will be released immediately, and as a prey species it will need to be able to flee a predator. Anesthetics and analgesics generally are also not recommended as prolonged restraint of small wild mammals to administer these substances and consumption of the analgesic substances (e.g., creams) via licking likely cause more stress and harm than conducting the procedure without their use.