

Understanding Per-Diem Rates



ABOUT PER-DIEM RATES

The Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine ([ULAM](#)) offers the entire U-M community economical, efficient, and specialized services that support scientific research while upholding the highest animal welfare standards.

ULAM's shared services, equipment, resources, and expertise are provided on a fee-for-service basis (usually in the form of a recharge rate). The University tracks many of the costs associated with day-to-day animal care and use through a barcoding system, which is primarily managed through the eResearch Animal Management System (eRAM).

Billing for the costs associated with the purchase of animals and supplies, daily care of animals, technical assistance, and specialized research support services are billed monthly to departmental and/or investigator accounts. Charges appearing on monthly statements are for services rendered during the previous month (e.g., if reviewing a September statement, billed services will be for the month of August, **not** September; September charges will appear on the October statement).

Per-diem rates for animal care, or direct charges for personnel costs and supplies, are based on the cost analysis and recovery procedures outlined in the **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**'s [Cost Analysis and Rate Setting Manual for Animal Research Facilities](#). The University's Financial Analysis Office reviews and approves rates on an annual basis.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN PER-DIEM RATES*

**(applicable to all species)*



Review ULAM animal husbandry and housing per-diem rates on the Animal Care & Use Program website (animalcare.umich.edu/rates)

Billing or Budgeting Questions?

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BREAKDOWN OF SERVICES



SERVICES COVERED BY PER-DIEM RATES

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HUSBANDRY SERVICES

- ▶ Monitoring cages, including standard cage changes
- ▶ Weaning to prevent overcrowding
- ▶ Providing food, water, and bedding
- ▶ Providing enrichment
- ▶ Room maintenance

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN SERVICES

- ▶ The first visit to, and physical examination of, a potentially ill animal, and any supplies used at the first visit
- ▶ Diagnostic services
- ▶ Veterinary Residents' time (including clinical/preventative care)



ADDITIONAL FEE-FOR-SERVICE

HUSBANDRY SERVICES

- ▶ Euthanasia
- ▶ Food more expensive than standard diets/chow
- ▶ Additional cage changes (e.g., excessive urination, moist chow diet)
 - > 2 per week in static
 - > 1 per week in vented
- ▶ Transporting animals – research request (e.g., transfer, core procedures)
- ▶ Supplies/cleaning: Diet gel, laboratory special request PPE, extra clean cages, excessive housekeeping clean-up

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN SERVICES

- ▶ If the animal requires more than one successive visit, then charges will be accrued as outlined below:
 - Time to provide services, including travel and preparation time, billed in 15-minute increments
 - Time to provide services may include overtime, as applicable
- ▶ Cost for treatments, medications, and supplies (including euthanasia) are charged to the laboratory
- ▶ The ULAM Veterinary Technician Manager or ULAM Faculty Veterinarian may approve charges for select services (e.g., testing, procedures, time) required to maintain animal's health and well-being

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