

Standard Mouse Cage Enrichment



Questions? Contact your ULAM Husbandry Supervisor.

For ALL Cages

Provide an Enviropak ripped in half (1)

If SINGLE Housed

Also add a Nestlet (2)

If mice are nude/hairless

Or Nestlet is unavailable, add Reusable Plastic Shelter (3)



Do NOT Provide

✗ Defensible structures (huts, tunnels) to aggressive animals unless advised by veterinary personnel

✗ “DomicelSLE” stair shelters for pregnant females (4)

Alternative

✓ If the above options are unavailable, wood chews may be provided (5)

Approved Exemption Codes*

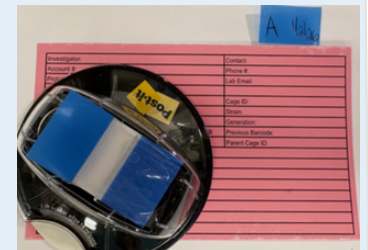
- A Attrition.** Lack of suitable litter mate, death of cagemate, or new arrivals shipped separately.
- B Breeding.** Removal of a stud male or pregnant females.
- F Fighting.** Aggressive animals not able to be housed with others; demonstrated and documented social incompatibility.
- P Protocol.** Study related reasons outlined in the protocol.
- V Veterinary.** Ongoing veterinary treatments or recommendations.

Changes to Standard Enrichment

- Require yellow acetate
- May require a SToP form
- May result in additional costs

Single Housed Labeling

Place blue post-it tab to the top of the cage card. Record date and exemption code.



*Refer to Environmental Enrichment SOP and the Identifying Single Housed Animal SOP on A-Z for more information.

Standard Rat Cage Enrichment



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Breeding. Removal of a stud male or pregnant females.

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P

Protocol. Study related reasons outlined in the protocol.

V

Veterinary. Ongoing veterinary treatments or recommendations.

For all cages, provide at least **one** enrichment item, prioritizing Reusable Shelter options.

If single housed, add a **second** enrichment item, prioritizing gnawing options.

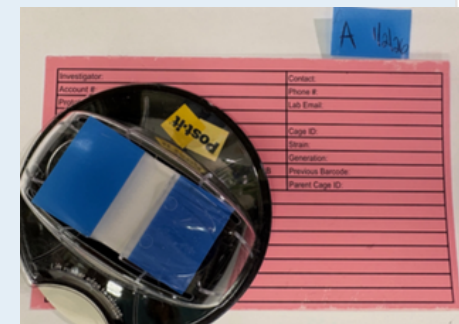
- Ensure shelter is appropriately sized for the largest animal in the cage.
- Discard broken or excessively gnawed items.
- Place shelters away from lixits.
- Place rat lofts with as much space between loft and wire as possible.
- Appropriate nesting material may be used if other options are unavailable.

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