

Standard Rat Cage Enrichment



Questions? Contact your ULAM Husbandry Supervisor.



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.

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

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

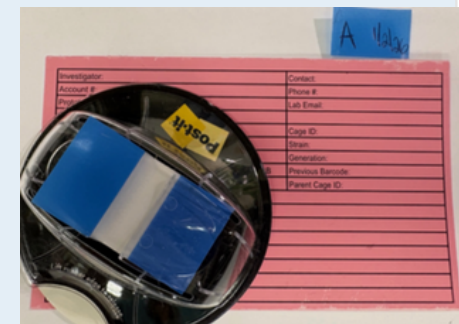
- Ensure shelter is appropriately sized for the largest animal in the cage.
- Discard broken or excessively gnawed items.
- Place shelters away from lixits.
- Place rat lofts with as much space between loft and wire as possible.
- Appropriate nesting material may be used if other options are unavailable.

Changes to Standard Enrichment

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

Single Housed Labeling

Affix a 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.