

Approved Enrichment Devices

Rat

Image	Name	Abbr	Hanging?	Order Info	Cleaning/Disposal	Notes
	Cardboard	C	Inside, Outside	recycled	Items are unable to be cleaned/sanitized. Once placed in cage item may be transferred into clean caging. Dispose of when soiled	Used as shelter or as destructible foraging Autoclave except for NHP, Cat, Swine
	cardboard tube	CT	Inside, N/A, Outside		Items are unable to be cleaned/sanitized. Once placed in cage item may be transferred into clean caging. Dispose of when soiled or at cage change	Tubes are made from cardboard and come in a variety of sizes. Tubes may be used as chewing devices, shelter or to build nests. Autoclave except for NHP, Cat, Swine. Small tubes (paper towel/toilet paper) must be cut lengthwise for rats.
	chew stick	CS	Inside, N/A, Outside		Items are unable to be cleaned/sanitized. Once placed in cage, wood enrichment may be transferred into clean caging. Dispose of when soiled, splintered or brittle	Certified wood sticks of various sizes used by animals to chew, gnaw, manipulate, or perch
	Crawl Ball	CRB	N/A		Sanitize every 2 weeks or as needed.	Only for rats under 300grams
	Envirodry/crinkle paper/enviropack	E	N/A	Shepard Specialties	Dispose and replace when soiled	Shredded paper used for nesting Transfer some used nesting material into clean cage at cage change
	Jingle bell balls	JBB	N/A	amazon	Sanitize every 2 weeks or as needed	Discard if rusted. Only use with acetated rats







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	Neslett	N	N/A	Ancare	Dispose and replace when soiled	Transfer some used nesting material into clean cage during cage change. Do not use with nude/hairless mice
	Nesting Sheets	NS	N/A		Dispose and replace when soiled	
	Nylabone	NB	N/A	bio-serv/ otto/amazon	Sanitize every 2 weeks or as needed	Use size/shape appropriate for species. Use caution with any shape with a loop or hole. Only for acetated mice
	nylon rods	NR	N/A	made in house	Sanitize every 2 weeks or as needed	If applicable, watch for sharp edges due to gnawing
	PVC tube	PVCT	Inside, N/A, Outside		Sanitize every 2 weeks or as needed	Use appropriate size. Cannot be autoclaved. If applicable, watch for sharp edges due to gnawing
	Rat Lofts	RL	Inside		Sanitize every 2 weeks or as needed.	



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	Rat Retreat	RR	N/A	bio serv	Sanitize every 2 weeks or as needed	
	Red Hut	RH	N/A	bio serv	Sanitize every 2 weeks or as needed.	Use appropriate size for species
	Running Wheel	RW	Inside		Sanitize every 2 weeks or as needed	Acetated cages only.
	Socialization	Varies by type of socialization	N/A	NA	NA	Positive human interaction, socialization with conspecifics outside cage social group as prescribed by Social Housing Coordinator
	Treats	See individual logs	Inside, N/A, Outside		If not consumed within 24hrs remove and discard	Treats may be used for positive reinforcement training, to increase the novelty of an enrichment item, to increase foraging opportunities. Treats may be frozen. Lab approval required
	Tunnel	TL	N/A	bio-serv	Sanitize every 2 weeks or as needed	Use appropriate size

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	Wood Blocks	WB	N/A	Bio-serv	Items are unable to be cleaned/sanitized. Once placed in cage, wood enrichment may be transferred into clean caging. Dispose of when soiled, splintered or brittle	
	Wood Pulp Shelters	WPS	N/A	bio home for rats- bio serv Shepherd shacks for mice	Items are unable to be cleaned/sanitized. Once placed in cage, wood enrichment may be transferred into clean caging. Dispose of when soiled or at cage change	Only as acetated. Use size appropriate for species