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Code of practice for the housing and care of animals used in scientific procedures



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PART 2: 5. Tables based upon the RS/UFAW

5.1 Room Temperature

Adults	Optimal range in degrees centigrade
Non-human New World primates	20-28
Non-human Old World primates	15-24
Mouse	19-23
Rat	19-23
Hamster	19-23
Gerbil	19-23
Guinea-pig	16-23
Rabbit	16-20
Small birds	19-23
Quail	16-23
Pigeon	15-24
Domestic fowl and duck	12-24
Cat	15-24
Dog	15-24
Ferret	15-24
Pig	15-24
Goat	10-24
Sheep	10-24 (depending on fleece length)

Cattle	10-24
Horse	10-24

CAGE AND PEN DIMENSIONS FOR THE HOUSING OF ANIMALS

5.2. Cage areas and heights are the internal cage dimensions and not the overall size of the cages. They include all floor area available for use by the animal(s). "Area" means the product of cage length and cage width measured internally and horizontally, not the product of the floor length and floor width which may be sloping.

5.3. The cage floor area for animals housed in groups must be not less than that specified for an animal housed singly. Where large, mature animals are to be housed, the minimum cage floor area required may be larger than those specified.

5.4. For the purpose of calculating the minimum floor area, the shelf area may be included, where there is adequate height for the animal above the shelf.

5.5 Non-human primates

Weight of animal	Minimum floor area sq cm per animal when housed in groups	Minimum floor area sq cm per animal when housed singly	Minimum height cm
up to 700g	1350	2500	80
700 to 1400g	2500	5000	100
	2000 (for arboreal monkeys in groups when they are held in taller cages)		150
1400 to 4000g	6000	6000	100
4000 to 6000g	8000	8000	110
6000 to 9000g	14000	14000	150

5.6 Small mammals

Weight of animal	Minimum floor area sq cm per animal when housed in groups	Minimum floor area sq cm per animal when housed singly	Minimum height cm
Mice			
up to 30g	60	200	12
over 30g	100	200	12

Rats and gerbils

up to 50g	100	500	18
50 to 150g	150	500	18
150 to 250g	200	500	18
250 to 350g	250	700	20
350 to 450g	300	700	20
450 to 550g	350	700	20
over 550g	400	800	20

Hamsters

up to 60g	80	300	15
60 to 90g	100	300	15
90 to 120g	120	300	15
over 120g	165	300	15

Guinea-pigs

up to 150g	200	700	20
150 to 250g	300	700	20
250 to 350g	400	900	20
350 to 450g	500	900	23
450 to 550g	600	900	23
550 to 650g	700	1000	23
over 650g	750	1250	23

Rabbits

up to 2000g	1300	2000	40
2000 to 4000g	2600	4000	45
4000 to 6000g	3300	5400	45
over 6000g	4000	6000	45

Ferrets and mink

up to 800g	1500	2250	50
over 800g	3000	4500	50

Cats

up to 3kg	3300	5000	50
over 3kg	5000	7500	80

Dogs

up to 5kg	10000	45000	150
5 to 10kg	19000	45000	150

10 to 25kg	22500	45000	200
25 to 35kg	32500	65000	200
over 35kg	40000	80000	200

5.7 Farm animals and equidae

Species and weights	Minimum floor area sq m per animal when housed in groups	Minimum floor area sq m per animal when housed singly	Minimum length of feed rack or trough per head m
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Pigs

up to 30kg	1.0	2.0	0.20
30 to 50kg	1.3	2.0	0.25
50 to 100kg	2.0	3.0	0.30
100 to 150kg	2.7	4.0	0.35
over 150kg	3.75	5.0	0.40
Adult boar	---	7.5	0.50

Sheep and goats

up to 35kg	1.3	2.0	0.35
over 35kg	1.9	2.8	0.35

Cattle

up to 60kg	1.5	2.2	0.30
60 to 100kg	1.6	2.4	0.30
100 to 150kg	1.9	2.8	0.35
150 to 200kg	2.4	3.6	0.40
200 to 400kg	3.8	5.7	0.55
over 400kg	5.3	8.0	0.65
Adult bull	---	16.0	0.65

Horses, donkeys and crossbreds

Height at withers

up to 147cm	---	12	---
147 to 160cm	---	17	---
over 160cm	---	20	---

5.8 Birds

Species and	Minimum floor area sq cm per	Minimum floor area sq cm per	Minimum height cm	Minimum length of
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weights	bird when housed in groups	bird when housed singly		feed trough per bird cm
Chickens and ducks				
up to 300g	250	350	30	3
300 to 600g	470	700	40	7
600 to 1200g	830	1250	50	10
1200 to 1800g	950	1450	50	12
1800 to 2400g	1200	1700	55	12
over 2400g	1900	2800	75	15
Quail				
up to 150g	250	350	20	4
150 to 250g	250	400	25	4
Pigeons				
	800	1225	35	5

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