Policy #2013-01: Provision of Special Husbandry and Exemptions from Standard Husbandry in Experimental Animals

Investigators requiring “SPECIAL HUSBANDRY”, i.e., non-standard animal care [cage maintenance, standard feed, standard water, etc.] - as provided by the Institute for Animal Studies (IAS)] must receive prior approval from the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) on the Animal Use Protocol.

- All cages with Special Husbandry conditions must be properly identified with a specific, appropriate Special Husbandry Pink Card issued by the IAS (see list below).
- Special Husbandry provided by the PI’s staff requires Adequate Cage Monitoring and Care of the animals by the PI / PI’s staff, as stated on the Special Husbandry Pink Card.
- **DOCUMENTATION/VERIFICATION OF ADEQUATE CARE:** Monitoring and Care MUST BE DOCUMENTED in the animal room using the pink card or PI-specific Activity Log Sheets (provided by IAS, for the convenience of PI’s with large numbers of PI-maintained cages). Refer to the IAS-issued pink card for specific PI instructions.
- Additional Special Instructions for WATER and FEED RESTRICTIONS OR SPECIAL/TREATED WATER/FEED are addressed in Policy No. 0106.
- For the use of potentially HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES administered in the food, in water, or administered by injection or gavage - refer to POLICY NO. 9902.

For a list of the available Special Husbandry Pink Cards, please visit the Forms section IAS website.