



Albert Einstein College of Medicine

# **Provision of Special Husbandry and Exemptions from Standard Husbandry in Experimental Animals Policy**

## **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure, as much as possible, the comfort and safekeeping of animals used in research at Albert Einstein College of Medicine (Einstein).

## **II. Scope**

This policy applies to all research experiments and programs at Einstein.

## **III. Policy**

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**

Special/treated water/feed are addressed in IACUC-POL-2018-017 Provision of Special or Treated Feed or Water to Experimental Animals Policy.

For the use of potentially HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES administered in the food, in water, or administered by injection or gavage - refer to IACUC-POL-2018-005 Use of Hazardous Agents in Experimental Animals Policy.

For a list of the available Special Husbandry Pink Cards, please visit the [Forms](#) section IAS website.

#### **IV. Definitions**

None.

#### **V. Effective Date**

Effective as of: 21 February 2018.

#### **VI. Policy Management and Responsibilities**

Einstein's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is the Responsible Office under this Policy. The Institutional Official for the IACUC is the Responsible Executive for this policy. The IACUC Chairperson is the Responsible Officer for the management of this policy.

#### **VII. Approved (or Revised)**

	
_____ Institutional Official	_____ Date

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