



Animal Care and Use Program

Policy: Cage Compliance

Objective:	To describe recommended cage space allocation for rodents and rabbits
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Policy

- 1) Space allocation for all animals held in the UNC Charlotte Vivarium will comply with the *Guide for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* (“Guide”), current guidance from the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), and/or the Animal Welfare Act (“Act”).
- 2) There will be no exceptions without the approval of the UNC Charlotte Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (the IACUC) and the Attending Veterinarian.
- 3) Animal housing will be observed by Vivarium staff daily and, in particular, during cage changing, to assure compliance with this Policy, the “Guide,” and the Act.
- 4) Questions regarding the spatial needs of the animals housed in the UNC Charlotte Vivarium should be directed to the Director of Laboratory Animal Resources, or the Attending Veterinarian.

References

National Research Council. *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals: Eighth Edition*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press, 2011.

Animal Welfare Act (P.L. 89-544 -1966; amended 1970 [P.L. 91-579], 1976 [P.L. 94-279], 1985 [P.L. 99-198], 1990 [P.L. 101-624]).

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