

CAGE FLAGS AND USAGE INFORMATION

Please use permanent ink markers supplied in the room for writing on the flags

Once the flags are removed from cage place them back onto the wire basket at the front of the animal holding room

Breeder Cage Flags

Use this flag for cages that are breeders, pregnant females or females with pups. High Fat Chow may be provided to cage if preferred; check the box to provide.

BREEDER CAGE

PUPS

Date Of Birth: 21 Days On:

High Fat Breeder Chow (check box to provide)

For Harem breeding the following flag is to be used:

NOTE: Harem breeding is only permitted if approved in ASP.

BREEDER CAGE

PUPS

Litter #1: Date Of Birth: 21 Days On:

Litter #2: Date Of Birth: 21 Days On:

High Fat Breeder Chow (check box to provide)

Food Supplements Flag

(this flag replaces the 'New Weanling' Flags)

Use this flag for cages that need additional supplements or use for weanling cages when fruit is desired for the first week after weaning.

Include the date to stop providing supplements on flag or NSD for no stop date.

Food Supplements Flag

Please provide on cage floor:
(check all that apply & write date to stop in circle)

Fruit Jello

Bacon Treats Food

Special Husbandry Flag

Use this flag for unique needs within the cage; for needs other than routine husbandry.

Technical request must be provided if AHCS staff is performing services for the cage.

Example: special feed or water related to the study.

Front:

SPECIAL HUSBANDRY FLAG

(write POC info and additional comments on the back side)

Water – Type: _____

Feed – Type: _____

DO NOT Change Cage, PI to change cage

Miscellaneous – list special procedures or comments on back

To be provided by:

PI OR **Technical Request** (AHCS staff to provide)

To be filled out by AHCS if services are provided by Technical Request:

Caretakers or **Technicians**

Back:

POC for study: _____

Phone number: _____

Comments: _____

START DATE: _____ STOP DATE: _____

Overcrowded Flags

The AHCS staff uses these flags to mark cages that are in need of separation. Investigators will be notified of the need for separation from the AHCS staff via email.

**OVERCROWDED
CAGE**

On Study Flags

The On Study flags are developed in response to a specific study requirement to ensure proper response to events which may occur within the cage. For Example:

ON STUDY

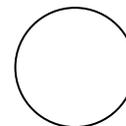
Pups / Mom are being treated by PI.
DO NOT provide **any** supplements.
If a pup is found dead, complete a mortality report and save pup.

EAE Flags

The EAE flags are to be placed on the cages when EAE is expected to develop in the animals within the cage. The stickers are changed as the EAE Grade changes.

EAE

Write EAE Grade on sticker:
Use 'P' for EAE Possible



Possible SEIZURES Flags

The Possible SEIZURES flags are to be placed on the cage when seizure activity is noted in any animal within the cage.

possible Seizures

- observe closely -
If seizure activity noted,
notify Technician immediately.

AGGRESSIVE Flags

The AGGRESSIVE flags are to be placed on the cages if the animals within the cage are found to be jumpy or aggressive when handled. This flag can be placed on the cage at any time.

AGGRESSIVE

Animals are jumpy

Chemical Hazard and Biohazard flags

These flags below are used if working with Chemical or Biological Hazards. NOTE: Hazard use is **ONLY** permitted if approved in ASP. Before use of these flags please see the Facility Manager for additional instruction.

CHEMICAL HAZARD (Administered via injection or gavage)

This cage contains animals that have been **injected or gavaged** with _____.

Until after the first cage change, the **special handling instructions listed on the back of this card must be followed.**

AHCS will change cages and will remove this flag after the first cage change.

Back of Chemical Hazard Flag (Administered via injection or gavage)

Handling procedures: this cage should be handled last; all manipulations shall be conducted over a down draft table or within a ventilated cabinet (BSC, chemical fume hood, or cage change station)

PPE requirements: nitrile gloves, lab coat, shoe covers, head cover, and mask

Disposal procedures: bedding and any other waste potentially contaminated with the chemical hazard must be disposed of as MPW; cages and bottles can be processed through cagewash as normal

CHEMICAL HAZARD (Administered in drinking water)

This cage contains chemically treated drinking **water**.
See the back of this card for special handling instructions.

AHCS will change cages (leaving water bottle on the cage)

Investigator to provide and dispose of chemical treated water

Back of Chemical Hazard Flag (Administered in drinking water)

Handling procedures: this cage should be handled last; all manipulations will be conducted over a down draft table or within a ventilated cabinet (BSC or cage change station)

PPE requirements: nitrile gloves, lab coat, shoe covers, head cover, and mask

Disposal procedures: the chemically treated water must be disposed of as chemical waste, soiled bedding and any other absorbent materials must be disposed of as MPW; cages and empty bottles, can be processed through cage wash as normal



BIOHAZARD

Replication Deficient
Viral Vector

This cage contains animals that have received a replication deficient viral vector and is considered an **ABSL2** hazard until 72 hours post exposure.

Date exposed: _____

(AHCS will change this cage & remove flag after the first 72 hours)

Date that ABSL2 hazard expires: _____

Special handling instructions listed on the back of this card must be followed.

Back of Biohazard Flag, must read and follow the handling procedures and PPE requirements

Handling procedures: Cage should be **handled last**. Cages should not be opened within the animal holding room. All manipulations will be conducted within a **Biological Safety Cabinet (BSC)** in the **procedure room**, and the procedure room must be posted.

PPE requirements: **Sleeves** and **gloves** must be worn when handling these cages in the BSC.

Disposal procedures: **All items must be sprayed off with Clidox before removal from the BSC.** Disposable items will be disposed of as MPW. Non-disposable items must be chemically decontaminated or autoclaved. **Cages/bedding must be autoclaved** before being processed through cage wash.