
1. PURPOSE

Describe the feeding schedule and procedure for marmosets.

2. RESPONSIBILITY

Animal care staff.

3. MATERIALS

- 3.1. Cubes of Zupreem marmoset diet
- 3.2. Nuts
- 3.3. Fruits
- 3.4. Mealworms

4. PROCEDURES

- 4.1. Give each animal a high protein snack by 08:00 every morning.
 - 4.1.1. Protein snack: 1 pecan or 1 almond or 1 walnut.
- 4.2. Early afternoon, place in the feeding receptacle within the cage:
 - 4.2.1. 40g (cut in 1 cm cubes or approximately the size of a dice) of marmoset diet per animal.
 - 4.2.1.1. Use the scale in the room.
 - 4.2.1.2. Press “On”. Place a clean bowl on the scale.
 - 4.2.1.3. Press “On” again to tare the bowl.
 - 4.2.1.4. Add cubes of diet until you reach 40g per animal (e.g. 120g for a group of 3 marmosets).
 - 4.2.1.5. Add the fruit portion as below:
 - 4.2.2. One portion of fruit. A portion of fruit is composed of one of the following:
 - 4.2.2.1. One half-inch size of banana per animal or
 - 4.2.2.2. One half-inch square of apple or pear (or seasonal fruit except citrus) per animal or
 - 4.2.2.3. One grape per animal.

5. SPECIAL PROCEDURES

- 5.1. Once week (when available), provide 10 mealworms per animal in the mealworm feeder.
- 5.2. Canned diet:
 - 5.2.1. The unopened canned diet is good for 3 years at room temperature.
 - 5.2.2. Once open, keep refrigerated for a maximum of 5 days.
 - 5.2.3. Bring back to room temperature before feeding refrigerated diet.