
1. PURPOSE

This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) describes the procedure and frequency for marmoset cage changing.

2. RESPONSIBILITY

Animal Care Staff.

3. MATERIALS

- 3.1. Nest/transfer box
- 3.2. Care cover
- 3.3. Clean cage

4. PROCEDURES

- 4.1. Every two weeks change cages using one (or a combination) of the following methods:
 - 4.1.1. Herd the marmosets directly into the clean cage:
 - 4.1.1.1. Best performed just before the afternoon feeding. Place the bowl of food and fruit in the clean cage.
 - 4.1.1.2. Place the clean cage face to face with the soiled cage.
 - 4.1.1.3. Open the small openings on the front of both cages.
 - 4.1.1.4. Marmosets will transfer to clean cage on their own.
 - 4.1.1.5. Clean the soiled cage thoroughly by hosing down and removing debris.
 - 4.1.1.6. Spray with disinfectant and let drip.
 - 4.1.1.7. Cover the cage before wheeling directly to the cage wash area.
 - 4.1.2. Herd the marmosets into their nest/transfer box.
 - 4.1.2.1. Gently herd the animals towards the nest box or manually restrain them and place them in the nest box.
 - 4.1.2.2. Close the box and remove from the cage.
 - 4.1.2.3. Clean the cage thoroughly by hosing down and removing debris.
 - 4.1.2.4. Spray with disinfectant and let drip.
 - 4.1.2.5. Cover the cage before wheeling directly to the cage wash area.
 - 4.1.2.6. Bring in a clean cage and transfer the marmosets.
 - 4.1.2.7. Replace the nest/transfer box with a clean one.
- 4.2. Identify the clean cage with a cleaning due date (two weeks later).
- 4.3. Complete the room log.