
Overview

This standard covers the preparation of accommodation for animals in a Home Office designated establishment. You must be able to check environmental conditions such as temperature, humidity and light cycles. You must also make sure the accommodation is suitable for the animals.

You will be working under supervision to ensure that the health and welfare of the animals is maintained and that the necessary security is preserved.

This standard is for animal technologists and support staff who prepare accommodation for animals in a Home Office designated establishment.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 use safe practices and appropriate personal protective equipment
 - P2 clean and prepare animal accommodation in accordance with instructions
 - P3 maintain appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security
 - P4 check fixtures and contents are appropriate for the animals to be housed
 - P5 place animal/s into the accommodation according to recommended guidelines and instructions concerning stock densities
 - P6 provide the appropriate information for accommodation labels and records
 - P7 check environmental conditions meet requirements and report as necessary
 - P8 comply with legislation relating to the care and welfare of animals in a Home Office designated establishment
 - P9 follow instructions relating to entry and exit procedures at all times
 - P10 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the importance and correct use of appropriate personal protective equipment
- K2 the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and how this can be achieved
- K3 types and suitability of accommodation for different animals
- K4 how to prepare accommodation for animals and check it is suitable
- K5 your responsibilities under Home Office codes of practice for the housing and care of animals in scientific procedures and breeding establishments, including stock densities
- K6 the environmental conditions which are required in accordance with Home Office codes of practice including temperature, light cycle, noise levels and humidity
- K7 how to check environmental conditions correctly and the actions to take if there are problems
- K8 which bedding, nesting, substrate and enrichment materials are appropriate for the species and conditions
- K9 equipment required to maintain animal accommodation
- K10 appropriate records to be kept and their significance
- K11 your responsibilities for the care and welfare of animals in a Home Office designated establishment under relevant animal welfare legislation, European directives and UK codes of practice
- K12 your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies

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