



2019 Exception Summary

Re: Annual Report of Research Facility

Registration #41-R-0088

Customer #335601

Use of gestation crates for post-surgical gilts

The rationale for this exception is as follows:

1. Post-surgical gilts need an isolated environment to prevent stress and direct contact with other animals. As such, we will house in gestation crates for a specified convalescent period.
2. These crates provide intentional limitation of activity post-surgery which protects the animal following surgery.
3. Gestation crates allow for administration of analgesics, antibiotics, or other treatments and processes without movement and stress to the animal.
4. Gestation crates prevent other animals from gaining access to the surgical site.
5. Lastly, gestation crates allow for daily inspection and monitoring of animals post surgically.

This exception applies to the 18 research pigs reported in column D in the Annual report.

The attending veterinarian for this research facility has appropriate authority to ensure adequate veterinary care and oversight of all aspects of animal care and use.