

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY 34-R-0017
INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE
APPROVED EXCEPTIONS TO THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT
10/01/2015 through 09/30/2016**

SPECIES	EXCEPTION	APPROVAL DATE
Grasshopper Mouse (12)	Approved exceptions for Sanitation/Waste Disposal and Bedding. We attempt to house the Grasshopper mice socially as much as possible. However, these animals are very aggressive, and social housing can result in minor injuries. Enrichment will be in the cages including running wheels as an alternative to social housing. Animal cages are changed every two weeks (or as needed) instead of the standard weekly for conventional caging. The principal reason for this is that cage changing is extremely stressful for these animals, and it results in changes in behavior. In addition, if the animals are singly housed, the need for the cage change is reduced minimizing the stressor effects.	09/11/2014