

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY 34-R-0017 INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE & USE COMMITTEE APPROVED EXCEPTIONS TO THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 10/01/2016 through 09/30/2017		
SPECIES	EXCEPTION	APPROVAL DATE
Grasshopper Mouse (78)	<p>Approved exceptions for Sanitation/Waste Disposal and Bedding. The exception to this protocol involves changes in the housing and husbandry of the animals. We attempt to house the Grasshopper mice socially as much as possible. However, these animals are very aggressive, and social housing has resulted in minor injuries to some animals. As a result, an exception is requested to single house animals. Enrichment will be in the cages including running wheels as an alternative to social housing. We are also requesting cage changes every two weeks (or as needed, please see note below) 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. Note: If an individual cage is observed to be extremely dirty before the scheduled two-week cage change interval, that cage will be cleaned immediately. The duration of time between cage changes will not be more than two weeks.</p>	9/11/2014

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