

Members of McLean Hospital's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee have approved two exemptions to the AWA standards during the past year (2020)

Exemptions

1. An exemption was granted allowing cage washing of operant cages on a monthly basis, rather than bi-monthly basis. These cages are designed to accommodate 14 individually-housed rhesus monkeys that have been fitted with tethered, indwelling intravenous catheters. Scientific and welfare justifications for the exemption were reviewed and approved by the IACUC.
2. An exemption was granted allowing monthly rather than bi-monthly cage washing of cages housing squirrel and rhesus monkeys during the COVID-19 emergency shutdown issued by the Governor of Massachusetts and Department of Public Health. The exemption was granted for a 3-month period (March – June 2020) covering 85 squirrel monkeys and 17 rhesus monkeys.