

## Exceptions

1. The *Guide* indicates an adult sheep cage should have a minimum of 15-20 ft<sup>2</sup> floor space per animal. In addition, the *Guide* indicates a restraint device should not be considered a normal method of housing. A number of projects include housing sheep in stanchions. This departure is approved by the IACUC for scientific needs. Eighteen sheep experienced this exception.
2. The IACUC approved the single housing of incompatible animals. Currently, two non-human primates and occasional male rabbits are individually maintained.
3. The IACUC approved housing neonatal piglets in enclosures that are smaller than the *Guide* recommendations. Due to the neonatal state of the piglets, following the *Guide* minimum size recommendation for pigs would create distress for the animals. Consequently and for the comfort of the animals, the piglets are maintained in cages that are smaller than the required size. However, the animals were still able to make normal postural adjustments. Four piglets experienced this exception.

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