

SUMMARY OF EXCEPTIONS TO ANIMAL WELFARE ACT (AWA) STANDARDS

Facility Name: Massachusetts Eye & Ear

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The Animal Care Committee (ACC) of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear has approved the following exceptions to AWA standards:

Rhesus monkeys (n=2) receive water scheduling four days a week (Tuesday to Friday) during vestibular/perception testing, where water is given as a reward. Following each testing session, animals are given their days' water requirement (a predetermined amount) by hand-held syringe. The animals are provided with free access to water *ad libitum* on the remaining three days (Friday evening until Monday afternoon). Animals on water scheduling have their body weights taken and recorded three days a week.

Rabbits (n=21): A food scheduling paradigm is used to provide motivation for behavioral sessions. Before starting the sessions, each rabbits' weight is monitored for 1-2 weeks and then food scheduling will begin. Once rabbits have stabilized to 80% of *ad libitum* weight, they will be fed a reduced food ration to maintain that weight. The animal's weight will be recorded before the onset of food scheduling and documented twice a week.

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