

2016 USDA Annual Report Addendum
Oklahoma State University
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Exceptions:

One IACUC-approved exception to USDA's standards occurred concerning minimum floor space for dogs:

Twenty-one dogs were housed in indoor-outdoor pens with beds. When necessary to close off access to the outdoor portion of the pens for temperature control or other reasons, the indoor portion of the pen has less than the minimum specified floor space after the space taken up by the bed is subtracted. As the beds provide comfort to the animals for their benefit, this exception was approved.

One IACUC-approved exception to USDA's standards occurred concerning temperature requirements:

Twenty-four sled dogs used for exercise physiology experiments in Alaska were approved for outdoor housing in temperatures outside those listed in the Animal Welfare Regulations. The dogs were thoroughly acclimated to the lower temperatures, and conducting the exercise experiments in warmer temperatures would have invalidated the research results by altering the dog's normal husbandry.