

Standard Operating Procedure

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Service: **Research**
Operating Section: **Husbandry**
Unit: **CMF**
Title: **Sterilization of Cages, Bedding and Water**


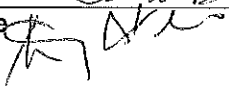
Purpose:

To describe the sterilization procedures for bedding, cages, and water for rodents in specialized areas.

Procedure:

- 1) Stacks of 6-7 sanitized bedded cages are placed in cloth autoclave bags. Feeders and tops are placed in rat boxes with a filter top or cloth autoclave bag and sterilized. A strip of autoclave tape is placed outside the bag and marked with date sterilized.
- 2) Sanitized bottles are filled, stoppers/tubes are re-inserted and the bottle baskets are placed in cloth autoclaved bags. A strip of autoclave tape is placed on the outside of the bag and marked with date sterilized. The bottle baskets are autoclaved.
- 3) In general, sterilized supplies are used promptly but in the event that autoclaved packages are held for longer periods, no equipment shall be used more than three months past the date sterilized.

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