

Standard Operating Procedure

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Service: **Research**

Operating Section: **Husbandry**

Unit: **CMF**

Title: **Environmental Enrichment for Non-human Primates**

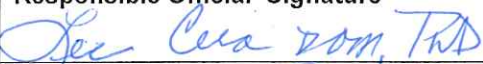

Purpose:

To outline procedures to provide for the psychological well-being of non-human primates.

Procedure:

- 1) Animals will be housed individually during quarantine to permit appropriate diagnostic and therapy regimen if required.
- 2) Records on pair housing arrangements will be initiated immediately after the completion of the quarantine process. The process of pair housing initiation requires increased levels of animal – animal contact as well as increased periods of such contact. A detailed plan for "Increased Social Interaction" between non-human primates is available.
- 3) Some type of enrichment device will be placed in or on the cage daily. If the device is a type to keep them occupied for several hours, only one will be placed with the animal daily.
- 4) A television program or music enrichment will be used in addition to the cage enhancement.
- 5) Other means and methods of enrichment will include, but not limited to, the following: full spectrum lighting, music or other auditory tapes, movable plant pots, battery operated ball (loose in room), and interactions with human caretakers.
- 6) Records of enrichment will be maintained for each animal.
- 7) EXEMPTIONS:
 - a) The attending veterinarian may exempt an individual non-human primate from participation in the environmental enrichment plan because of its health or condition, or in consideration of its well-being. The basis of the exemption will be recorded by the attending veterinarian and reviewed at least monthly.
 - b) The IACUC may exempt an individual non-human primate from participation in some or all of the otherwise required environmental enrichment plans for scientific reasons set forth in the research proposal. The basis for the exemption shall be documented in the approved proposal and will be reviewed at appropriate intervals as determined by the Committee, but not less than annually.
 - c) Records of any exemptions will be maintained in the individual animal record.

APPROVALS

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