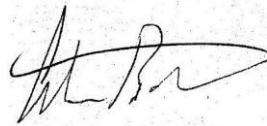


## CAGE SIZES – ANIMAL HOUSING LEVELS

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### **PLEASE ENSURE THAT OVERCROWDING DOES NOT OCCUR BY ADHERING TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES.**

(Guidelines correspond with recommendations from the “Code of Practice for the Housing and Care of Laboratory Mice, Rats, Guinea Pigs and Rabbits”)

### **MICE (maximum number/cage)**



**Small Cage                      5 mice / cage**  
**Length 30cm x Width 12cm = 360cm<sup>2</sup>**  
**Breeding cage: Not Permitted**



**Long, narrow cage    7 mice / cage**  
**Length 45cm x Width 12cm = 540cm<sup>2</sup>**  
**Breeding cage 1M:1F**



**Large Mouse cage    14 mice / cage**  
**Length 41cm x Width 25cm = 1025cm<sup>2</sup>**  
**Breeding cage 1M:2F**



**Sml Micro-isolators 5 mice / isolator**  
**Length 27cm x Width 16cm = 432cm<sup>2</sup>**  
**Breeding cage 1M:1F**



**Lge Micro-isolators 10 mice / isolator**  
**Length 27cm x Width 16cm = 432cm<sup>2</sup>**  
**Breeding cage 1M:1F**



**Techniplast IVC 6 mice/IVC**  
**Length 30cm x Width 16cm = 480cm<sup>2</sup>**  
**Breeding cage 1M:1F**

**RATS (maximum numbers / cage)**



**Medium Rat cage 2 rats/cage (<150g)**  
**with high top lid 1 rats/cage (>150 – 500g)**  
**Breeding cage: Not Permitted**  
**Length 27cm x Width 16cm = 432cm<sup>2</sup>**



**Large, Drop Front 12 rats/cage (<150g)**  
**with flat top lid 8 rats/cage (150 – 350g)**  
**>350g Not allowed**  
**Breeding cage: Not Permitted**  
**Length 59cm x 31cm = 1829cm<sup>2</sup>**



**Large, Drop Front 12 rats/cage (<150g)**  
**with high top lid 8 rats/cage (150 – 350g)**  
**6 rats/cage (350 – 550g)**  
**4 rats/cage (>500g)**  
**Breeding cage 1M:2**  
**Length 59cm x 31cm = 1829cm<sup>2</sup>**