

To: All Animal Users

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Dear Animal Users:

Our small animal resources program at IIT is growing. At this time it is necessary to issue this announcement regarding our rates and fees. The following is the rate structure for the care and housing of research rodents on the IIT main campus. These rates were effective March 1, 2010.

Mice: \$ 1.05 per cage (max of 4 per cage); or, or \$ 0.85 per mouse. (Note: The per mouse rate would be used if there is only one mouse [\$ 0.85]. For 2-4 mice, the per cage rate would be used.

Rats: \$ 1.60 per cage (max of 2 per cage).

Overcrowding Incident Fee: \$ 25 for each incident.

Non-Payment Fee (payments overdue more than 90 days): \$ 25 per month.

Birth fee: \$ 100 per incident.

Note regarding Birth fee and Overcrowding Incident Fee:

Overcrowding of animals is never tolerated at IIT. It is a violation of the Guide to the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. There are two general reasons why animals could become overcrowded: (1) animals grow too big in size; (2) new animals are born into a cage. Accordingly, two different fees are used.

The Overcrowding Incident fee is levied when husbandry staff must separate animals that have grown, **and** an investigator did not respond in a timely manner to a request to separate animals in order to prevent overcrowding. In addition to the overcrowding incident fee, per diem fees will be charged for the additional number of cages needed.

A higher fee referred to as a Birth Fee is levied when breeding rodents are not weaned in a timely and appropriate manner. This results in too many animals per cage and also results in a serious danger to the pups. The Birth Fee is levied when husbandry staff must separate pups from adult animals to ensure that they are not overcrowded, **and** an investigator did not respond in a timely manner to a request to separate animals in order to prevent overcrowding. In addition to the Birth Fee, per diem fees will be charged for the additional number of cages needed.

Our policy at IIT is that we cannot leave overcrowded animals “as is” until an investigator decides to separate them. Husbandry staff will monitor animals and if any are in danger of becoming overcrowded, the PI will be alerted and will be expected to respond in a timely manner. If the PI does not respond in a timely manner, the animals will be separated by husbandry staff and fees will be levied accordingly.

You may address questions about these policies and rates to the Director of Research Compliance at ORCPD@IIT.EDU.