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RESEARCH SERVICE
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ANIMAL CARE AND USE PROGRAM

Cage Capacity - Mice

1. PURPOSE: To establish policy for maximum number of mice in cages within the Veterinary Medical Unit.
2. POLICY:
 - a. The maximum number of mice in VMU mouse cage:
 - (1) Four mice **OR**
 - (2) One male and one female with litter (which must be weaned in a timely manner to prevent two litters in the cage) **OR**
 - (3) One female with litter **OR**
 - (4) Two females and two litters (but no male) if the total number of pups does not exceed ten
3. RESCISSION: Research Service Memorandum 03-14, dated November 21, 2003.



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