

Swine Enrichment



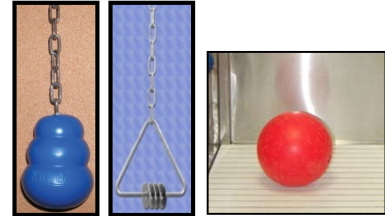
ENVIRONMENTAL ENRICHMENT

Housing/Environment: Modulated, elevated housing on slotted flooring, with stainless steel dividers (Pen Size: 15 sq. ft.)

Structural Enrichment: Structure, aside from large manipulanda, are not routinely provided for this species.

Sensory: Human/Animal Socialization interaction during cage cleaning should be purposeful and consist of positive interactions: petting and soft spoken affirmative words.

Manipulanda: Several items are provided as the standard for manipulanda. Standard items (pictured), Others provided on rotation



Nutritional: Aside from standard feed (Blue Seal Pig & Sow Diet), the following nutritional enrichment may be provided during human animal interaction; fresh produce, raisins, cereal, yogurt, canned dog food

SOCIAL HOUSING

Social housing in laboratory environment may be limited due to complexities that include high turnover, mixed genders and captive confinement. All attempts will be made to consider social housing for swine and they will be housed in compatible pairs or groups whenever possible, within the guidelines for space in standard CCM cages.



EXERCISE

For this species, cage space provide adequate opportunities for physical activity. Additional exercise may be offered individually or in compatible groups or pairs within the room corridor combined with human animal interaction or monitored by personnel.

Housing Standards

Enrichment Rotation: Schedule is maintained by the facility and includes a combination or enrichment and destructible items, human/animal socialization and exercise

Behavioral Response Plan: Available for Fear & Aggression

Isolation: If Swine are isolated from other swine, increased human/animal interaction and destructible enrichment will be provided

According to the Enhancement Policy; No animal is exempt from all forms of environmental enrichment and any exemptions to social housing or exercise should be considered for only the minimal amount of time or restriction necessary.

Modifications to this SOP must be approved by the CCM Enrichment Program Manager following the criteria of the exemption plan

If Enrichment used is out side of the standard, contact CCM Enrichment Personnel.