



# **UNIVERSITY ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE**

## **Policy on Rat Housing**

At Queen's, we provide the following as our standard cage components:

1. Structures to climb on or around:
  - red tunnels and in double decker caging there is also a platform
2. Substrates for burrowing:
  - both nesting material and bedding material
3. Structures to facilitate hiding, shelter or avoidance of people or other rats:
  - red tunnels
4. Objects to chew on to help prevent overgrowth of teeth:
  - Nyla bones and/or wooden blocks
5. Items to forage:
  - Food treats are mixed into the bedding at time of cage change, such as cheerios, hay, or fruity gems
  - Food treats can also be administered following any study related or health care related treatments

[CCAC guidelines: Rats](#)

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