Nonstandard Feeding and Watering of Research Animals
What is nonstandard feeding/watering?

Any deviation from standard feeding/watering provided by the LAF staff.

Examples include, but are not limited to:
1. Experimental drug delivered through food or water.
2. Feeding high fat or hi/low salt diet.
3. Restriction or rescheduling of fluid intake.
INVESTIGATOR WILL FEED/WATER

- The LAF provides cards to mark cages receiving nonstandard feeding/watering.

- LAF staff WILL NOT feed/water cages marked.

- If you no longer need nonstandard feeding/watering, remove the card.
INVESTIGATOR WILL FEED/WATER

• Correct use of Investigator will Feed/Water cards is essential to ensure high standards in animal welfare and research

• A new card must be started each month
Regardless of Standard or Nonstandard, feeding and watering MUST BE DOCUMENTED!
Documentation

• When an investigator initiates a “WILL FEED” or “WILL WATER” card, it is the responsibility of the investigative staff to document feeding/watering.
Where do you document?

- Document directly on the “WILL FEED” or “WILL WATER” card.
- A monthly grid is provided on the card. Note whether feed/water is checked (✓) or added (+).
• One card for an entire rack or room is acceptable, only if all animals in room/on rack are included. Individual cages should still be marked as “INVESTIGATOR WILL FEED/WATER”.

• Discuss with LAF Facility Manager before implementing one card per room/rack.

Documentation card for rack

Individual “IWF” notation for cage
Considerations

• When animals are on nonstandard feed/water, investigative staff are responsible for food/water 7 days a week.

• Contact information should include a number that contact person can be reached at after hours and on weekends (e.g., cell phone).

• If an animal is without food/water and contact person cannot be reached, **LAF staff will provide standard food/water**.
Questions?
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