



AAALAC POSITION STATEMENTS

Cage or Pen Space

AAALAC International expects accredited institutions to comply with all national or regional regulations, policies and guidelines, as well as conditions of funding. Additionally, AAALAC International considers performance standards paramount when evaluating the space made available in cages or pens for housing animals used for research, testing or teaching. The performance criteria described in the *ILAR Guide*, *Ag Guide*, and ETS 123 are used by AAALAC in assessing the adequacy of cage or pen space available to the animal(s). In those countries where regulations or guidelines do not exist or mandate cage or pen dimensions, AAALAC International suggests institutions consider the ILAR Guide's space recommendations as a basis for addressing space needs while always recognizing that performance standards also must be met.