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## Care and Feeding

	Number of Adults	Number of Young	Cage Dimensions*		Height
			Length	Width	
<b>Breeding/Lactation</b>	1 pair	12	30 cm	15 cm	15 cm
<b>Growing</b>	10-15		45 cm	30 cm	15 cm
<b>Experimental</b>	3-5		Variable		

## Feeding Recommendations

Daily Feed Usage	Water Requirement	Begin Dry Food Consumption
4-5 gm. Feed free choice. No supplemental feeding necessary	Ad libitum	10 days

## Environmental Data

Room Temp.	Humidity	Light	Litter Material
25 °C	45-55%	10-12 hrs/day	Treated corn cobs, shredded beet pulp, wood shavings, or commercial beddings

## Biological Values

### Blood Chemical Composition

Water	Calcium	Sodium	Chloride	Phosphorus	Potassium
92-94 gm/100ml	4.2 mEq/L	—	—	5.6 mg/100ml	—
<b>Magnesium</b>	<b>Cholesterol</b>	<b>Glucose</b>	<b>Serum Protein</b>	<b>Albumin</b>	<b>Globulin</b>
1.3 mg/100ml	132-244(B) mg/100ml	174 mg/100 ml (whole blood)	4.0 gm/100ml	3.4 gm/100ml	0.6 gm/100ml

Values are for plasma, except where noted

## Oxygen Consumption and Body Temperature

Observed Weight	Temperature	Oxygen Consumption	Breathing Rate	Heart Rate Adult
20 gm	36.5 °C	1.69 mlO <sub>2</sub> /gm/hr	163/minute (84-230)	600/minute (328-780)

## Hematological Values

Whole Blood Volume (T-1824 dye)	Clotting Time	RBC Life Span	RBC Diameter	RBC Rate of Sedimentation
78 ml/kg	14 sec.	20-30 days	6.6 microns	—
Blood pH	RBC	Hematocrit	Platelets	Hb
—	7.7-12.5 10 <sup>6</sup> /mm <sup>3</sup>	41.5 ml/100ml	246-339 10 <sup>3</sup> /mm <sup>3</sup>	14.8 gm/100ml

## Total and Differential White Blood Cell Counts

Leucocytes	Neutros	Eosinos	Basos	Lymphos	Monos
8.0 10 <sup>3</sup> /mm <sup>3</sup>	2.0 10 <sup>3</sup> /mm <sup>3</sup>	0.15 10 <sup>3</sup> /mm <sup>3</sup>	0.05 10 <sup>3</sup> /mm <sup>3</sup>	5.5 10 <sup>3</sup> /mm <sup>3</sup>	0.30 10 <sup>3</sup> /mm <sup>3</sup>

## Life Cycle Information

Weight Adult Male	Weight Adult Female	Weight at Birth	Breeding Age Male	Breeding Age Female	Estrus Cycle
20-40 gm	25-40 gm	1.5 gm	50 days 20-35 gm	50-60 days 20-30 gm	4-5 days
Gestation	Weaning Age	Litter Size	Rebreed After Parturition	Breeding Life Male	Breeding Life Female
17-21 days 19 days avg.	16-21 days 10-12 gm	1-23 10-12 avg.	Immediately	18 months	6-10 litters

**Mating Data:** Pair or colony: 1 male, 3 females

\* Refer to the "Guide for the Care and use of Laboratory Animals" — NIH Publication No. 85-23, Revised 1985.  
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