



Animal Enrichment Program Quick Reference Guide

Animal	Standard Enrichment	Frequency
Cats	Treats Perches Toys Human interaction	Occasionally ⁴ Occasionally Daily/rotating Daily
Chickens	Treats Dust bath Perches Toys	Occasionally Occasionally Daily Daily/rotating
Chinchillas	Dust Bath Toys Hay Treats Shelter ¹ Play pen	Occasionally Daily/rotating Daily Occasionally Daily As time allows
Cows	Treats Brushes Toys Resting areas	Occasionally Occasionally Occasionally Daily
Dogs	Treats Toys Exercise outside of home cage (20 minutes) Human interaction Bedding	Occasionally Daily/rotating Daily Daily As prescribed ⁵
Ferrets	Treats Perches Shelter Toys	Occasionally Daily Occasionally Daily/rotating
Frogs	Hiding substrates (Xenopus and Grass frogs) Climbing substrates (Grass frogs)	Daily Daily
Ruminants	Hay – loose and cubes Treats Hanging toys Floor toys Human interaction	Daily Occasionally Daily/rotating Daily/rotating Daily
Guinea Pig	Hay Treats Toys Shelter ¹ Play pen	Daily Occasionally Daily/rotating Daily As time allows



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Hamsters	Shelter ¹ Nesting material ² Chewing substrate ³	Occasionally Daily Occasionally
Nonhuman Primates	Treats Toys Sensory Human interaction Play Cage (if available)	Daily Daily/rotating Daily Daily Weekly/rotating
Pigs	Treats Toys Bristle brush	Occasionally Daily/rotating Occasionally
Rabbits	Hay Treats Toys Play pen Human interaction	Daily Occasionally Daily/rotating As time allows Daily
Rodents (mice and rats)	Nesting material ² Shelter ¹ Chewing substrate ³	Daily As prescribed As prescribed
Turkeys	Treats Toys Perches	Occasionally Daily/rotating Daily

Definitions:

¹Shelter items include: igloos, huts, paper products

²Nesting material include: nestlets, enviro-dri, paper products

³Chewing substrates include: wood items, nyla bones

⁴ Occasionally means at least once a week but less than daily

⁵As prescribed means at the discretion of veterinary staff

NOTE: Housing of social animals in pairs or groups is routine. If you need an exception to social housing, contact the IACUC at iacuc@umn.edu