



### CAGE CLEANING

MAKE SURE THEIR CAGE IS CLEAN WITH DRY BEDDING AND NESTING MATERIAL. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN A BALANCE BETWEEN GOOD HEALTH AND AVOIDING EXCESSIVE DISTURBANCE AND STRESS



- Cleaning the cage once a week is usually suitable but monitoring of the mice and their cage is necessary to make sure that the cleaning regime you choose is suitable for your mice.
- For most mouse groups, you should thoroughly clean the cage (including washing the cage base and shelters), replace all bedding material with new, clean material, and transfer any clean, dry, unsoiled nesting material from old cage to new (adding fresh nesting material if necessary).
- However if aggression is high within the social group, everything in the cage including nesting material and enrichments should be changed and the cage completely cleaned and washed (to remove any scent marks that might otherwise lead to aggressive territorial behaviour).
- Avoid transferring odours or objects between different cages of mice.



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