

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
ANIMAL CARE

ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENT PLAN (EEP)
EVALUATION TOOL

The EEP evaluation tool may be used as a guide to conduct a thorough assessment of the EEP. The items listed are commonly used to meet the requirements for social needs and opportunities to express species typical behavior. The evaluation tool may be left with the facility operator.

- EEP is written.

- Attending Veterinarian (AV) directed the EEP.

SOCIAL NEEDS

(9 CFR 3.81(a))

Housing

- ☐ Group
- ☐ Pair
- ☐ Intermittent social contact
- ☐ Partial social contact
- ☐ Single:
 - ☐ Justification for single housing
 - ☐ Visual and auditory contact with conspecifics compatible species is provided (9 CFR 3.81(a)(3))
- ☐ Other: _____

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

(9 CFR 3.81(c))

- ☐ Infants and young juveniles (9 CFR 3.81(c)(1)):
 - ☐ Maternal care for infants (*until at least 6 months of age*)
 - ☐ Social needs of early weaned infants are met
 - ☐ Appropriate social opportunities are provided to juveniles
- ☐ NHPs exempted from the EEP are present:
 - ☐ Animals exempted from all or part of the EEP receive special attention (9 CFR 3.81(c)(3) or (c)(4))
 - ☐ Exemption is either specified as permanent or reviewed by the AV every 30 days (9 CFR 3.81(e)(1))
- ☐ Great Apes over 110 lbs are present:
 - ☐ Provided with additional opportunities to express species typical behavior (9 CFR 3.81(c)(5))

**Special Attention Provided to Primates
Showing Signs of Psychological Distress**

(9 CFR 3.81(c)(2))

- ☐ Facility staff is able to recognize abnormal behavior
- ☐ Program for behavior assessment:
- ☐ Abnormal behavior observed during inspection:
 - ☐ Hyper-aggressiveness
 - ☐ Stereotypy
 - ☐ Self-directed behavior
 - ☐ Alopecia
 - ☐ Abnormal posture
- If abnormal behavior is observed:
 - ☐ Program for managing abnormal behavior
 - ☐ Program for managing abnormal behavior is assessed and modified as needed

ENVIRONMENTAL ENRICHMENT

(9 CFR 3.81(b))

Structure and Substrate

Opportunities to express species-typical postures for resting, sleeping, feeding, exploration and play:

- ☐ Perches
- ☐ Mirrors
- ☐ Nest boxes (*e.g., marmosets, tamarins, owl monkeys, aye ayes*)
- ☐ Nesting material (*e.g., great apes*)
- ☐ Scent marking materials (*e.g., squirrel monkeys, capuchins, marmosets, tamarins, most prosimians*)

Opportunities to express species-typical locomotion:

- ☐ Swings, ladders, ropes
- ☐ Brachiation (*great apes, lesser apes, spider monkeys, woolly monkeys*) (*See Policy #7*)

Opportunities to make social adjustments:

- ☐ Visual barriers

Other opportunities:

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Foraging and Exploration

Foraging Enrichment:

- ☐ Puzzle feeders (*includes cup feeders, fishing feeders, etc.*)
- ☐ Foraging boards/feeding
- ☐ Produce requiring processing
- ☐ Items are regularly filled
- ☐ Supplies to fill forage devices are present
- ☐ Program for sanitation and novelty

Manipulanda:

- ☐ Toys (*provided to ALL animals*)
- ☐ Program for sanitation and novelty

Varied Sensory Stimuli:

- ☐ Variety of produce offered
- ☐ Visual stimulation
- ☐ Olfactory enrichment
- ☐ Auditory enrichment

Other Environmental Enrichment

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

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