

OLAC Standard of Care, Per Diem and Recharge Fees.

The Office of Laboratory Animal Care, OLAC, recovers unsubsidized costs associated with the procurement, care and support of animals used in research at SDSU through per diem housing charges and fees for services and equipment use. OLAC's goal is to provide excellent laboratory animal care while keeping our per diem prices as low as possible for the research laboratories we support. The costs for operation of the animal facility are substantially subsidized by SDSU through support for the majority of the staffing costs, animal facility renovation and maintenance and equipment purchases.

Per diem recharges provide for the following standard of care, supplies and services:

- Daily observations of every animal
- Veterinary care to assure necessary health monitoring and treatment
- Breeding and cage density management assistance
- Standard daily maintenance diet and water
- Standard environmental enrichment
- Cage washing of standard housing equipment
- Standard husbandry and supplies
- Operating expenses for animal care staff (PPE, clothing and training)
- Minor renovations and maintenance of animal facilities and equipment
- Replacement of animal caging
- Health surveillance program used to monitor rodent colonies
- Orientation and standard training for research staff and students

Additional charges for special services and equipment not covered by per diem rates include:

- Technician time for support activities outside the standard of care (breeding services, euthanasia, separating animals to remain in compliance with IACUC policies)
- Extended health treatments to maintain research animals. The first two weeks of treatment are provided as standard of care. Training in health treatment will be provided to research staff.
- Prearranged research assistance beyond normal husbandry
- Extra cage changing beyond normal husbandry schedule
- Research or teaching support technician time
- Specialized training
- Special diets
- Materials requested by the PI not part of standard of care
- Equipment use such as anesthesia machines
- Import/export administrative fees and shipping costs for animals from other institutions
- Testing of animals to clear quarantine
- Charges for other specialized services requested by research labs

Per diem rates are established for the following housing conditions:

- Mouse ventilated
- Mouse ventilated breeding
- Mouse ventilated autoclaved
- Mouse ventilated autoclaved breeding
- Static mouse cages
- Static mouse cages breeding
- Static mouse cages autoclaved
- Static mouse cages autoclaved breeding
- Mouse quarantine
- Rat hanging
- Rat static microisolator
- ABSL2 housing
- Immunocompromised/ immunodeficient

Per diem and service rates effective January 1, 2026

Per Diem Rates by Species and Caging Type

		per cage daily rate
Mouse - ventilated		\$ 0.75
Mouse - ventilated	breeding	\$ 0.90
Mouse - ventilated, autoclaved		\$ 0.89
Mouse - ventilated autoclaved	breeding	\$ 1.04
Mouse - static*		\$ 0.89
Mouse - static*	breeding	\$ 1.04
Mouse - static*, autoclaved		\$ 1.03
Mouse - static*, autoclaved	breeding	\$ 1.18
Mouse - quarantine		\$ 1.40
Mouse - biocontainment (ABSL2)		\$ 1.64
Mouse - ABSL2	breeding	\$ 1.79
Mouse - immunocompromised		\$ 1.70
Mouse - immunocompromised	breeding	\$ 1.84
Rat - static microisolator		\$ 1.28
Rat - hanging	breeding	\$ 1.21

Service Rates

Effective January 1, 2026

		Rate	
Technician time (service outside standard of care)**		\$ 48.00	billed at \$12/15 min
Extended health treatment to maintain animals***		\$ 48.00	billed at \$12/15 min
Advanced technical training or teaching support technical time		\$ 48.00	billed at \$12/15 min
Extra cage changing beyond normal husbandry schedule		\$1.00	per cage plus tech time
Cage separations to remain in compliance with policy****		\$ 12.00	per cage
Domestic Import/export fee for animals to/from other institutions		\$200	plus shipping cost
Foreign Import/export fee for animals to/from other institutions		\$350.00	plus shipping cost
IDEXX-RADIL testing charge for imported animals during quarantine		Min \$500.	(actual cost plus tech time)
Special diets not included as standard daily maintenance diet			Billed at cost of diet
Materials requested by PI not part of standard of care			Cost of material plus tech time
Anesthesia machine rental			See anesthesia machine rental guide

* animals in static cages while recovering from surgery billed at normal room rate

**Tech time for support activities outside the normal standard of care

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****See Rodent Breeding and Cage Density Policy and SOP

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		per cage daily rate
Mouse - ventilated		\$ 0.80
Mouse - ventilated	breeding	\$ 0.95
Mouse - ventilated, autoclaved		\$ 0.94
Mouse - ventilated autoclaved	breeding	\$ 1.09
Mouse - static*		\$ 0.94
Mouse - static*	breeding	\$ 1.09
Mouse - static*, autoclaved		\$ 1.09
Mouse - static*, autoclaved	breeding	\$ 1.24
Mouse - quarantine		\$ 1.48
Mouse - biocontainment (ABSL2)		\$ 1.74
Mouse - immunocompromised		\$ 1.80
Rat - static microisolator		\$ 1.44
Rat - hanging	breeding	\$ 1.34

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