Online Course

Key aspects to design an environmental enrichment program for lab rodents

14 - 15 November 2023

The course is focused on the key aspects for designing a proper environmental enrichment program for lab rodents. The speakers will share practical information on how to approach, evaluate and monitor an environmental enrichment plan. A final session will stimulate the participants to share experiences about different environmental enrichment programs.

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Dates	14 and 15 November 2024
Language	English
Teaching method	Online on cisco webex platform
Teaching hours	8 hours
Target audience	Facility and unit managers and supervisors, veterinarians, persons responsible for overseeing the welfare and care of animals, quality assurance managers, senior technicians
Learning outcomes	The course participants should be able to: • Understand and describe the housing conditions for laboratory rodents and their environmental needs • Choose an environmental enrichment, considering both Breeding VS experimental animals • Understand when an environmental enrichment is a useful tool vs a disturbing one, considering the interaction between the animals and between animals and humans • Monitor and evaluate an environmental enrichment in an objective way • Understand if an environmental enrichment conflict with standardization • Understand the goals and objectives of an environmental enrichment plan
Contents of the course	• Goals and objectives of an environmental enrichment plan • Housing conditions for laboratory rodents and their environmental needs • Considerations needed when choosing an environmental enrichment • What makes an environmental enrichment a useful tool vs a disturbing one • How to monitor and evaluate an environmental enrichment in an objective way • Does environmental enrichment conflict with standardization? • Practical examples of environmental enrichment programs
Teaching materials	Copies of all the presentations will be available for download few days after the course
Number of participants	Maximum 20
Selection of participants	CVs will be reviewed by the Course Committee to ensure that the applicants have the same professional scope in order to share common background and to maximize the training experience
Registration fee	190 Euro + 22% VAT RATE when applicable Early bird registration within 10 September, 2024: 170 Euro + 22% VAT RATE when applicable
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