

**The University of Kansas (KU)**  
**Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)**

**Standard Operating Procedure**  
**Frog Enrichment**

**1.0 Scope and Application**

As promulgated in the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, the aim of environmental enrichment is to enhance animal well-being by providing animals with sensory and motor stimulation through structures and resources that facilitate the expression of species-typical behaviors and promote psychological well-being through physical exercise, manipulative activities, and cognitive challenges. In accordance with the *Guide*, enrichment programs should be reviewed by the IACUC, researchers, and veterinarian on a regular basis to ensure animal well-being and consistency with animal use goals. To ensure conformance with Guide standards, the following program is established.

**2.0 Summary of Method**

- Social grouping for compatible animals is provided unless scientific justification for isolation is requested by the principal investigator and approved by the KU IACUC.
- Frogs are provided hiding structures unless specific exemption is requested by the principal investigator and approved by the IACUC.
- Sanitizable hiding structures are sanitized at least once every 2 weeks. Disposable structures are replaced as required.
- Changes to the aforementioned strategies must be approved by the University Attending Veterinarian and the principal investigator prior to implementation.

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