

**Vivarium Rates**  
**Illinois Institute of Technology**

***Rates are effective September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024***

<b><u>Species</u></b>	<b><u>Per Diem</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
Mouse	\$0.85	per mouse rate used if only one mouse
Mice Per Cage	\$1.05	max of 4 per cage- used for 2-4 mice
Mouse Receiving Fee	\$3.00/ mouse	
Rats Per Cage	\$1.60	max of 2 per cage
Rat Receiving Fee	\$5.00/ rat	
<b><u>Other Fees</u></b>		
Overcrowding Incident Fee	\$25/ incident	see below for information
Birth Fee	\$100/ incident	see below for information
Non-Payment Fee	\$25/ month	payments more than 90 days overdue

**Note regarding Birth fee and Overcrowding Incident Fee:** Overcrowding of animals is never tolerated at IIT. It is a violation of the Guide to the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. There are two general reasons why animals could become overcrowded: (1) animals grow too big in size; (2) new animals are born into a cage. Accordingly, two different fees are used.

The Overcrowding Incident fee is levied when husbandry staff must separate animals that have grown, **and** an investigator did not respond in a timely manner to a request to separate animals in order to prevent overcrowding. In addition to the overcrowding incident fee, per diem fees will be charged for the additional number of cages needed.

A higher fee referred to as a Birth Fee is levied when breeding rodents are not weaned in a timely and appropriate manner. This results in too many animals per cage and also results in a serious danger to the pups. The Birth Fee is levied when husbandry staff must separate pups from adult animals to ensure that they are not overcrowded, **and** an investigator did not respond in a timely manner to a

request to separate animals in order to prevent overcrowding. In addition to the Birth Fee, per diem fees will be charged for the additional number of cages needed.

Our policy at IIT is that we cannot leave overcrowded animals “as is” until an investigator decides to separate them. Husbandry staff will monitor animals and if any are in danger of becoming overcrowded, the PI will be alerted and will be expected to respond in a timely manner. If the PI does not respond in a timely manner, the animals will be separated by husbandry staff and fees will be levied accordingly.

Special requests or additional care above the standard housing and standard procedures listed here may be subject to additional charges.

You may address questions about these policies and rates to the Director of Research Compliance at [ORCPD@IIT.EDU](mailto:ORCPD@IIT.EDU).