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From diagnostics to in vivo-research

## Review of planning and organisation of animal facilities

**Our experts are consulting companies and research institutes regarding animal housing facilities and will give advice for improvements.**

Proper housing and management of animal facilities are essential to animal welfare, to the quality of research data and studies in which animals are used. A good management program provides the environment, housing and care that allow animals to grow, mature, reproduce, and maintain good health and minimizes variations that can affect research results.

Many factors should be considered in planning for adequate and appropriate physical and social environment, housing, space, and management. These include:

- The species, strain and substrain of the animals and individual characteristics, such as sex, age, size, behaviour and health.
- The ability of the animals to form social groups with members of the same species through sight, smell, and possibly contact, depending on whether the animals are maintained singly or in groups.
- The design and construction of housing.
- The project goals and experimental design (e.g., production, breeding, research, testing).

Each institution should establish and provide resources for an animal care and use program that is managed in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, such as the federal Animal Welfare Regulations.

Our animal housing experts have a long-standing experience in the area of animal housing. They will appraise your facility, will give advice on improvements and will help you plan, operate and maintain new facilities.

