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| STORAGE | Food, bedding, toxic substances, and other items must be properly stored. [3.1, 3.25, 3.50, 3.75, 3.101, 3.107, 3.125] |
| FOOD | |
| Criteria | <p>Storage methods must protect the food from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• spoilage (harmful microbial growth)• contamination• deterioration of nutritive value• vermin infestation <p>Perishable food must be stored appropriately.</p> <p>Storage areas for food must be free of any accumulation of trash, waste material, junk, weeds, and other discarded materials. [3.1(b), 3.31(b), 3.56(c), 3.75(b), 3.107(c), 3.131(c)]</p> |
| Species Specific | <p>Dogs & Cats [3.1(e)] Supplies of food must be stored off the floor and away from the wall.</p> <p>Distance off the floor and away from the wall is adequate if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a broom or vacuum cleaner can readily fit underneath and behind the food• can easily see when cleaning is necessary• food can be moved to facilitate cleaning <p>Open bags of food must be stored in leakproof containers with tightly fitting lids.</p> <p>Only food currently being used may be stored in the animal area.</p> <p>Guinea Pigs & Hamsters [3.25(c)] Supplies of food must be stored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• in containers with tightly fitting lids, or• in the original container |

Nonhuman Primates [3.75(e)]

Supplies of food must be stored off the floor and away from the wall.

Distance off the floor and away from the wall is adequate if:

- a broom or vacuum cleaner can readily fit underneath and behind the food
- can easily see when cleaning is necessary
- food can be moved to facilitate cleaning

Open bags of food must be stored in leakproof containers with tightly fitting lids.

Only food currently being used may be stored in the animal area.

Marine Mammals [3.101(d)]

Perishable foods may be stored in:

- refrigerators
- freezers
- chilled or iced coolers for under 12 hours

Food, supplements, and medications may not be used beyond:

- the commonly accepted shelf life, or
- the expiration date listed on the label

BEDDING

Criteria

Examples of bedding include, but are not limited to:

- newspaper/newsprint
- straw/hay/baled bedding products
- cage/tray liners
- towels/blankets/carpet

Storage methods must protect the bedding from:

- spoilage
- contamination
- vermin infestation

Species Specific

Bedding must be:

- neatly stacked
- kept clean and dry

Storage areas for bedding must be free of any accumulation of trash, waste material, junk, weeds, and other discarded materials.
[3.1(b), 3.31(b), 3.56(c), 3.75(b), 3.107(c), 3.131(c)]

Dogs & Cats [3.1(e)]

Supplies of bedding must be stored off the floor and away from the wall.

Distance off the floor and away from the wall is adequate if:

- a broom or vacuum cleaner can readily fit underneath and behind the bedding
- can see when cleaning is necessary
- bedding can be moved to facilitate cleaning

Open bags of bedding must be stored in leakproof containers with tightly fitting lids.

Only bedding currently being used may be stored in the animal area.

Nonhuman Primates [3.75(e)]

Supplies of bedding must be stored off the floor and away from the wall.

Distance off the floor and away from the wall is adequate if:

- a broom or vacuum cleaner can readily fit underneath and behind the bedding
- can easily see when cleaning is necessary
- bedding can be moved to facilitate cleaning

Open bags of bedding must be stored in leakproof containers with tightly fitting lids.

Only bedding currently being used may be stored in the animal area.

**TOXIC
SUBSTANCES**

Criteria

Toxic substances include, but are not limited to:

- cleaning agents
- sanitizing agents
- pesticides

Storage methods of toxic substances must:

- prevent contamination of food & bedding.
- keep the substances safely away from the animals

Only toxic substances which are required for normal husbandry may be stored in the animal area.

Species Specific

Dogs & Cats [3.1(e)]

Toxic substances must not be stored:

- in food storage area
- in food preparation area

Toxic substances should be stored in secured cabinets in animal area.

Nonhuman Primates [3.75(e)]

Toxic substances must not be stored:

- in food storage area
- in food preparation area

Toxic substances should be stored in secured cabinets in animal area.

Marine Mammals [3.101(d), 3.107(b)]

Toxic substances must be stored:

- in properly labeled containers
- in secured cabinets which are designed for toxic substances

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| | <p>No toxic or harmful substances (except cleaning agents) may be stored or maintained in marine mammal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• food storage areas• food preparation areas <p>Cleaning agents in food storage/preparation areas must be kept in cabinets that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• secured• designed to prevent food contamination• located to prevent food contamination |
| <p>OTHER ITEMS</p> <p>Criteria</p> | <p>Husbandry-related items may be kept in animal area.</p> <p>Examples of husbandry-related items include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• cleaning equipment such as buckets, mops, brooms, gloves• fixtures/equipment such as power washers, bathtubs• bathing/grooming products• capture equipment |

