SURFACES

Surfaces must be made of materials that do not cause injury or illness to the animal and must be maintained on a regular basis. [3.1(c), 3.2(d), 3.3(e), 3.4(c), 3.75(c), 3.101(a), 3.125(a)]

Criteria

Surfaces must be made of material that can be:

- readily cleaned and sanitized, or
- removed or replaced if worn or soiled

Examples of removable/replaceable surfaces include, but are not limited to:

- compacted earth/dirt
- sand/gravel
- grass
- ceiling tiles
- absorbent bedding

Species Specific

Dogs & Cats

General Surfaces [3.1(c)]

Interior surfaces of indoor housing facilities and all surfaces in contact with the animal must be free of: [3.1(c)(1)]

- excessive rust [3.1(c)(1)(i)]
- jagged edges [3.1(c)(1)(ii)]
- sharp points [3.1(c)(1)(ii)]

Indoor Housing Facilities [3.2(d)]

Surfaces that must be impervious to moisture are:

- floors
- walls
- surfaces in contact with the animals
- ceilings if not replaceable

Sheltered Housing Facilities [3.3(e)(1)]

Surfaces in contact with the animal that must be impervious to moisture are:

- indoor floor areas [3.3(e)(1)(i)]
- hard outdoor floor areas [3.3(e)(1)(ii)]
- walls, boxes, houses, dens and other structures [3.3(e)(1)(iii)]

Non-hard surfaces, such as compacted earth/dirt, sand, gravel, absorbent bedding or grass, must be: [3.3(e)(2)]

- exposed to sunlight, or
- replaceable

Outdoor Housing Facilities [3.4(c)]

Surfaces that must be impervious to moisture are:

- building surfaces in contact with the animal
- hard surfaces in contact with the animal

Surfaces that must be replaced when worn or soiled are:

- those which cannot be readily cleaned/sanitized
- floors of compacted earth/dirt, sand, gravel, absorbent bedding, or grass

Guinea Pigs & Hamsters

Indoor Housing Facilities [3.26(d)]

Interior building surfaces must be impervious to moisture.

Rabbits

Indoor Housing Facilities [3.51(d)]

Interior building surfaces must be impervious to moisture.

Nonhuman Primates

General Surfaces [3.75(c)]

Surfaces in contact with the animal must be free of:

- excessive rust [3.75(c)(1)(i)]
- jagged edges [3.75(c)(1)(ii)]
- sharp points [3.75(c)(1)(iii)]

Marine Mammals

General Surfaces [3.101(a)(3)]

Surfaces in the primary enclosure must be constructed of materials that are:

- durable
- non-toxic
- readily cleanable and sanitizable
- sufficient to maintain required water quality

All surfaces must be maintained in good repair as part of a regular,

ongoing maintenance program.

All facilities must have and follow a written protocol for cleaning surfaces to minimize health hazards to the animals.

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