



## University of Michigan Program For Reviewing Housing of Different Species in the Same Room

Animals of different species should be housed in separate rooms. “Physical separation of animals by species is recommended to prevent interspecies disease transmission and to eliminate anxiety and possible physiologic and behavioral changes due to interspecies conflict.”<sup>1</sup>

**Scientific justification for experimental needs or evidence-based veterinary assessment for housing animals of different species in the same room is required, with the general exception of the following:**

1. Sheep, calves, and goats
2. Rodents when housed in ventilated racks or micro-isolators
3. Cats and ferrets (as long as visual barriers are present)
4. Pigs and other farm animals (as long as there are solid walls separating pens)
5. Aquatic and semi-aquatic species
6. Reptile species

The justification for housing multiple species in the same room must be submitted and reviewed by the IACUC and the Attending Veterinarian (or designee) using the [Special Treatments or Procedures \(SToP\) Form](#). The completed form must be accompanied by a list of Principal Investigators (phone numbers included) housing animals (species indicated) in the room in question.

### Related Documents

- [Instructions for Creating Requests for Special Treatments or Procedures \(SToP\)](#)
- [Special Treatments or Procedures \(SToP\) Form](#)

<sup>1</sup> *The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, 2010*