

**Summary of Exceptions**  
**University of Illinois – Chicago**  
**33-R-0018**

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of the University of Illinois – Chicago has approved an exception to the minimum space requirements **in Subpart D Section 3.80 Primary Enclosures** of the Standards promulgated to implement the Animal Welfare Act for the temporary housing of male and female baboons (*Papio sp.*). The exception granted was that the male cage does not have to provide twice the minimal area required to house one animal during periods of breeding. This exception is for the period or time that a female baboon is placed in the male's cage for the purpose of breeding. This period generally does not exceed five days and the male cage contains 15 sq. ft. The exception was granted because the housing is only temporary in nature, and it is generally accepted practice for many species that the female is taken to the male's cage for breeding. It is the consensus of the veterinary staff that the current system provides adequate space for animals to engage in species specific interactive behaviors. During the last year, 4 animals were temporarily housed under this exception.

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of the University of Illinois – Chicago has approved an exception for the requirements **in Subpart D Section 3.84 Cleaning, Sanitation, Housekeeping, and Pest Control** of the Standards promulgated to implement the Animal Welfare Act for cleaning/sanitation of primary cages. The exception granted was that cages used to house nonhuman primates maintained in a BSL-3 facility would be changed every thirty days instead of every 2 weeks. The exception was granted to minimize potential staff exposure to infectious agents as well as minimize potential macro-environment contamination of the BSL-3 facility during the cage changing process. Cages were spot cleaned during the 30 day period between cage sanitation on an as needed basis. Twenty macaques were maintained under this exception for up to approximately 150 days. The health and husbandry of the animals maintained under this exception was monitored by the veterinary and husbandry staff during the course of the project. No health or husbandry problems related to the exception were noted.