



Policy for housing mice at the SPF breeding unit ("The 8 weeks rule")

General policy

In order to reserve our SPF unit for breeding activities, mice that are not intended for breeding should be transferred to experimental unit(s) as soon as possible and no later than at 8 weeks of age. This means that our SPF breeding unit is restricted to current and new breeding mice as well as young pups waiting for genotyping results. All other mice must be transferred to experimental units.

Communication

AEM provides a monthly breeding report where all pups ≥ 8 weeks are highlighted for easy visualization. No later than 2 weeks after receiving the monthly breeding report, the plan for each mouse ≥ 8 weeks must be reported to AEM in writing by the use of our instruction forms:

- A. Use for new breeding https://emed.ku.dk/documents/Breeding_and_Euthanasia_-_Instruction_form.xlsx
- B. Transfer to experimental unit https://emed.ku.dk/documents/Transfer_-_ordering_form.xlsx
- C. Cryopreserve https://emed.ku.dk/documents/Transfer_-_ordering_form.xlsx
- D. Euthanize https://emed.ku.dk/documents/Breeding_and_Euthanasia_-_Instruction_form.xlsx

Transfer of mice to experimental units

After deadline, mice instructed to be transferred to experimental unit(s) will be transferred in accordance with the instruction form. Any mice ≥ 8 weeks not decided upon will be transferred to an experimental unit with free capacity. This might be in conflict with the intended experiment as there is a restriction in the movement of animals between our different units: (https://emed.ku.dk/services/housing/units/experimental_units/).