CLEANING	Primary enclosures must be cleaned as often as necessary to ensure the animal's health and well-being. [3.11, 3.31, 3.56, 3.75(c), 3.84, 3.107, 3.131]
Criteria	<ul> <li>Primary enclosures must be cleaned as often as necessary to:</li> <li>prevent contamination of the animal</li> <li>minimize disease hazards</li> <li>reduce odors</li> </ul>
Species Specific	<ul> <li>Dogs &amp; Cats [3.11(a)]</li> <li>Excreta &amp; food waste must be removed <i>daily</i> from the primary enclosure. Methods for removing excreta/food waste include: <ul> <li>cleaning entire primary enclosure</li> <li>cleaning soiled areas only (spot-cleaning)</li> </ul> </li> <li>An animal must not be harmed, wetted, contaminated, or distressed during the cleaning process. Methods for protecting the animal during cleaning include, but are not limited to, the following: <ul> <li>removal from enclosure</li> <li>housing enclosure large enough for animal to avoid contact</li> <li>separation from area being cleaned, such as</li> <li>lock outs</li> <li>resting boards</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Standing water must be removed from primary enclosures.</li> <li>Excreta &amp; food waste must be removed as often as necessary <i>from under the primary enclosure</i> to prevent or reduce: <ul> <li>soiling of the animal</li> <li>disease hazard</li> <li>pests and insects</li> <li>odors</li> </ul> </li> <li>Guinea Pigs &amp; Hamsters [3.31(a)] Primary enclosures must be cleaned often enough to prevent the accumulation of excreta and/or debris. [3.31(a)(1)]</li></ul>

An animal must be transferred to a clean enclosure when the primary enclosure becomes soiled or wet to a harmful or uncomfortable degree due to: [3.31(a)(2)]

- leakage of the watering system
- discharge from dead or dying animals
- spoiled perishable food

## **Rabbits** [3.56(a)]

Primary enclosures must be kept reasonably free of: [3.56(a)(1)]

- excreta
- hair
- cobwebs
- other debris

An animal must not get wet during the cleaning process.

Enclosures with solid floors must have the bedding changed at least weekly. [3.56(a)(2)]

Troughs and pans under mesh floor cages must be cleaned at least weekly. [3.56(a)(3)]

Worm bins must be maintained to: [3.56(a)(3)]

- prevent excessive odors
- prevent overflow of excreta into walkways
- properly degrade excreta

Methods of evaluating worm bins include, but are not limited to:

- evidence of worms in a random shovelful of dirt
- evidence of processed material being removed on a regular basis

## Nonhuman Primates [3.75(c), 3.84]

Hard Surfaces [3.75(c)(3), 3.84(a)]

Excreta & food waste must be removed *daily* from the primary enclosure. Methods for removing excreta/food waste include:

- cleaning entire primary enclosure
- cleaning soiled areas only (spot-cleaning)

Perches, bars and shelves must be:

- kept clean, and
- replaced when worn

An animal must not be harmed, wetted, contaminated, or distressed during the cleaning process. Methods for protecting the animal include, but are not limited to: [3.84(a)]

- removal from enclosure
- housing enclosure large enough for animal to avoid contact
- separation from area being cleaned, such as
  - lock outs
  - raised floors

Excreta & food waste must be removed as often as necessary *from under the primary enclosure* to prevent or reduce:

- soiling of the animal
- disease hazard
- pests and insects
- odors

*Non-hard surfaces* [3.75(c)(3), 3.84(b)(4)]

Non-hard surfaces include, but are not limited to:

- dirt floors
- floors with absorbent bedding
- planted areas

Non-hard surfaces must be **spot-cleaned**, **raked**, **removed**, **or replaced** as often as necessary to:

- allow the animal to avoid contact with excreta
- prevent or reduce:
  - disease hazard
    - pests and insects
    - ► odors

## Scent-marked Surfaces [3.75(c)(3)]

Certain species of nonhuman primates scent-mark their habitat. Examples of scent-marking species are:

- tamarins
- marmosets
- capuchins

<ul> <li>owl (night) monkeys</li> <li>lemurs</li> <li>bush babies</li> <li>squirrel monkeys</li> </ul>
Hard scent-marked surfaces must be spot-cleaned daily.
Non-hard scent-marked surfaces must be spot-cleaned daily or replaced when soiled.
Marine Mammals Pools
Animal waste, food waste, trash, or debris must be removed: [3.107(a)(2)]
• to maintain required water quality, and
• to minimize health and disease hazards, and
• at least daily or more often if necessary
Walls and bottom surfaces must be cleaned as often as necessary to maintain proper water quality. [3.107(a)(3)]
Natural organisms, such as algae, coelenterates (e.g., coral, jelly fish, sea anemones) and molluscs are not necessarily contaminants UNLESS they:
degrade water quality
• prevent proper maintenance, or
• pose a health or disease hazard
Areas Adjacent to Pools [3.107(a)(1)]
Animal and food wastes must be removed:
<ul> <li>to provide a clean environment, and</li> <li>to minimize health and disease hazards, and</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>at least daily or more often if necessary</li> </ul>
<b>Other Animals</b> [3.131(a)] Animal waste, food waste, trash, or debris must be removed from primary enclosures often enough to:
minimize odors
• minimize health and disease hazard
• allow the animal to avoid contact with excreta/debris

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•	prevent food/food debris from becoming contaminated or rotten
	g the cleaning process, adequate measures must be taken to nt the animal from being: sprayed with a stream of water, or involuntarily wetted