

<b>EXERCISE FOR DOGS</b>	Dogs greater than 12 weeks of age must be provided opportunity for exercise by acceptable methods which are outlined in a plan. [3.8]
<b>Criteria</b>	<p><b>Acceptable</b> methods of exercise include, but are not limited to, providing: [3.8(c)(3)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an individually housed dog with at least 200% of its minimum required floor space [3.8(c)(3)(ii)]</li> <li>• group housed dogs with at least 100% of the minimum required floor space for each animal [3.8(c)(3)(i)]</li> <li>• access to a run or open area at the frequency and duration: prescribed by the attending veterinarian [3.8(c)(3)(iii)]</li> <li>• positive physical interaction with humans, e.g., walking on a leash, playing ball, or grooming [3.8(c)(2)]</li> </ul> <p><b>Unacceptable</b> methods of exercise include, but are not limited to: [3.8(c)(4)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• forced swimming</li> <li>• use of devices, such as treadmills or carousels</li> </ul>
<b>Exemptions</b>	<p>Dogs are exempted from the exercise requirement if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• less than 12 weeks of age [3.8(a)]</li> <li>• a female with a litter [3.8(a)]</li> <li>• determined inappropriate by the attending veterinarian [3.8(d)] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ in writing and [3.8(d)(1)]</li> <li>▶ based on the animal's health, condition or well-being and [3.8(d)(1)]</li> <li>▶ reviewed every 30 days if not a permanent condition and [3.8(d)(1)]</li> <li>▶ written exemption is available for review by APHIS officials [3.8(d)(3)]</li> </ul> </li> <li>• scientifically justified in a research protocol which must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ approved by the IACUC [3.8(d)(2)]</li> <li>▶ reviewed by the IACUC at least annually or more often at its discretion [3.8(d)(2)]</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ available for review by: [3.8(d)(3)]</li><li>R APHIS officials</li><li>R any pertinent Federal funding agency</li></ul>
<b>Exercise Plan</b>	<p>A research facility must develop and follow an appropriate exercise plan for the dogs. [3.8]</p> <p>The exercise plan is appropriate if it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• is in writing</li><li>• is approved and signed by the attending veterinarian</li><li>• has been developed in consultation with the IACUC</li><li>• has been approved by the IACUC</li><li>• is available for review by:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ APHIS officials</li><li>▶ any pertinent Federal funding agency</li></ul></li><li>• states that the dogs have the required exercise space listed above, <b>or</b></li><li>• includes the frequency, method and duration of additional exercise if the exercise space requirements are not met</li></ul> <p>Exercise Plan for Dogs sheet (see page 12.2.3) may be used.</p>