

CLOSE MONITORING OF NEWLY WEANED PUPS ON HYDROPAC®

The pink flag is designated for PI use to label newly weaned mice. This will assist the vivarium staff in identifying cages where animals might have a problem accessing water.

The PI writes the date weaned on the pink flag and affixes it to the cage card of the newly weaned pups.

The PI places several pieces of rodent diet on the cage floor and moistens them with water from Hydropac®. This action serves two purposes: providing moistened chow that can be easily accessed by pups and "flicking" the Hydropac® valve.

Vivarium staff will pay extra attention to pink flagged cages for any indication that the mice are not eating or drinking. This intense monitoring will continue daily for a two week period after weaning.

Any mice that do not appear well will be reported to appear weaning. ^ will be contacted by DLAM regarding the problem and recommended treatment.

If