

## Husbandry & environmental parameters at KPM – Ullevål

**Diets;** Special Diet Services – <http://www.sdsdiets.com/>

Mice & rats are fed ad libitum "Rat and Mouse No.1 Maintenance expanded pellets":  
<http://www.sdsdiets.com/pdfs/RM1P-E-FG>

**Bedding;** Aspen wood (Populus Tremula) from Tapvei  
<http://www.tapvei.com/quality-answers-aspen> dispensed in Nestpaks  
<http://datesand.com/index.php/product/104/>

**Water;** ad libitum from bottles.

**Caging mice;** Eurostandard type III cages (macrolone), changed once a week.  
Maximum 8 animals/cage depending on gender and strain of mice.  
Brochure: <http://www.tecniplast.it/en/product/conventional-housing-for-small-rodents.html>

**Caging rats;** 1500U Eurostandard Type IV S (macrolone), changed once a week.  
Maximum 3 animals/cage depending on body weight of rats.  
Brochure: <http://www.tecniplast.it/en/product/conventional-housing-for-small-rodents.html>

**Environmental enrichment;** All animals are provided with different forms of enrichment; houses, tunnels, Nestpak paper, chewing sticks (rats).

**Relative humidity;** 30-70%

**Air changes;** about 10/hour

**Room temperature;** 21 +/- 2 °C

**Health monitoring;** Monitored 3 times/year. One complete test according to FELASA guidelines + opportunists. Two modified tests.

**Light cycle;** Animal rooms; 12 hours dark (7am-19 pm)/12 hours light (19pm-7am).

**Lighting ;**

Animal rooms; Night: dark, day: a dimmed lighting that can be manually increased by choice by the personnel when working in a specific room.

**Animals;** Rats and mice