



# Feeding and Watering

## General Protocol

- Animal behavior can be greatly affected by the availability of feed and water.
- Feed and water equipment should be maintained and in working order.
- Animals will have free access to fresh water at least once a day, with multiple times per day, preferred.

## Feeding Procedures

- Properly store and secure feed to limit access to pests.
- Clean up all feed spills in a timely fashion and dispose of appropriately.
- Check automated feed systems daily to ensure out-of-feed events do not occur.
  - » Caretakers should develop a system to check the feed inventory and ensure timely ordering and delivery of feed.
- Keep feeders in good repair to allow for unobstructed feed delivery and safety of the animals.
- Observe all feeders daily for access and proper adjustment so that animals are able to consume their daily allotment without excessive fighting or competition.
- Evaluate the adequacy of the feeding protocols by observing animals for proper body condition scores and gut fill.

## Watering Procedures

- Allow all animals free access to water at least once per day, with multiple watering events preferred.
- Monitor the quality of water on a regular basis.
- Waterers must have an appropriate flow rate and height for the age group so that the animals can drink freely.
- During extreme temperature events, water requirements for the animals may increase and caretakers will need to ensure that the animals have access to an adequate supply.
- Keep water delivery systems in good enough conditions so that water is delivered unobstructed.
- Observe for adequate quantity by watching for crowding around the water source.



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