

The University of Hong Kong
Laboratory Animal Unit

Time required to set up Supplementary Breeding Colonies for Bulk Animal Orders

	Mouse		Rat		Guinea Pig		Rabbit		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Breeding age (wk.) (<i>Note 1</i>)	10	10	12	12	12	12	25	25	
Gestation period (wk.)	-	3	-	3	-	10	-	4½	
Weaning age (wk.)	3	3	3	3	2	2	4	4	
<u>Additional Time</u> <u>(wk.) Required</u> <u>For Specified</u> <u>Weight</u> <i>(Note 2 & 3)</i>	Body wt. (gm.)								
	25	1	2						
	30	1	2						
	35	2	3						
	100			1	1				
	150			1	1				
	200			1	2				
	250			1	3				
	300			1	4				
	350			2					
	400			2					
	500					4	5		
	600					2	3		
	700					2	3		
	800					3	4		
	900								
	1000							2	2
	1500							2	2
	2000							2	2
	2500							3	2
3000							3	3	
3500							3	4	
4000							3	4	

- Note** (1) If sexually matured animals are readily available in the breeding area, this time period can be cancelled.
(2) Sum up the relevant time periods listed above to obtain an indication of the waiting time that will be required for setting up supplementary colonies in the Unit for bulk orders.
(3) The data indicated in the above table only applies to those animal strains which are not poor breeders and animal strains which do not require special breeding methods, otherwise the waiting period for bulk orders will be longer, please enquire if necessary (Tel: 2816 8510; email: lauhku@hku.hk).