

TAIL DOCKING IN RODENTS OLDER THAN WEANLING

1. Anesthesia using agents such as Isoflurane, Tribromoethanol, Ketamine / Xylazine, or CO₂ must be used during all tail docking procedures in rodents older than 4 weeks of age.
2. A section 1 – 5 mm in length may be taken from the tip of the rodent's tail.
3. After docking is complete, methods such as direct pressure with gauze or application of a product that promotes hemostasis (e.g., Kwik Stop powder with Benzocaine) must be used to assist return to hemostasis. Animals should not be returned to the cage until bleeding is controlled.