

Indian Standard
CODE FOR
BREEDING, CARE, MANAGEMENT
AND HOUSING OF LABORATORY ANIMALS
PART IX LABORATORY PIGEONS

0. FOREWORD

0.1 This Indian Standard (Part IX) was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 22 May 1979, after the draft finalized by the Live Animals Sectional Committee had been approved by the Agricultural and Food Products Division Council.

0.2 Laboratory animals bred and maintained scientifically are necessary to get comparable results in biological experiments. The present code lays down guidelines for breeding, care, management and housing of laboratory pigeons so that a large number of animals of uniform quality is available. It is hoped that the code would streamline and step up facilities for biomedical research.

0.2.1 The common pigeons (*Columba livia*) which are distributed throughout the country are mostly seen in a semi-domesticated condition living as a commensal of man. This semi-feral stock has thoroughly adjusted-to the din and bustle of urban life and is now well established in many cities and towns of the country.

0.3 For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS : 2-1960*. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of specified value in this standard.

1. SCOPE

1.1 This code (Part IX) prescribes conditions for housing, sanitation, personnel, hygiene, feeding, watering, disease control, etc, in relation to care, breeding and management of laboratory pigeons.