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🌐 Digging Test

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ABSTRACT

Digging test optimized for mice. This is a test to assess olfaction impairment. The more olfactory impairment or deficits, the longer it will take to find the sweetened treat.

GUIDELINES

Note: If the treat was found within 5 mins, the animal was allowed to eat it.

MATERIALS

- clean mouse cage
- clean bedding
- sweetened cereal. (Cinnamon Toast Crunch)
- stopwatch

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- 1 Fast mice overnight (Do not exceed 24 hours).
- 2 Prepare a clean mouse cage filled with 3 cm of bedding.
- 3 Prepare an appetitive stimulus of sweetened cereal. Cinnamon Toast Crunch was used here.
- 4 Bury cereal piece 0.5 cm below the bedding along the perimeter of the cage.
- 5 Monitor the mouse for 5 mins or until they find the treat. Time was recorded until the treat was found. If treat was not found by the end of 5 mins, mouse does not get the treat.
- 6 Replace the bedding and repeat for each mouse.

