

Assessment of the activity of growing rabbits in a metabolic cage

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INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

Assessment — General patterns of activity
 — Tendency to stand up

Different ages
 Individually caged rabbits

MATERIAL AND METHODS



10 animals
(1-5 weeks a.w.)

- Lying
- Sleeping
- Sitting
- Eating
- Drinking
- Walking
- Standing
- Others

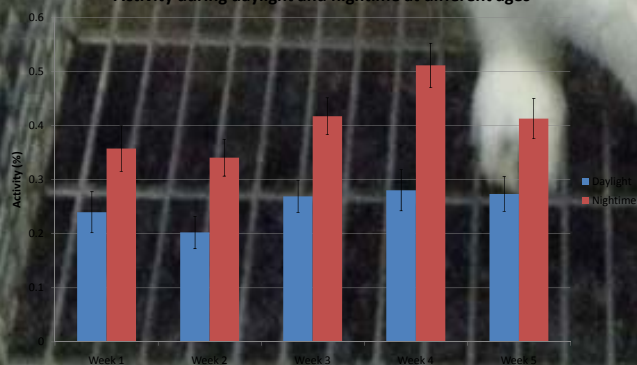
Behavioural observations

24 hours/animal



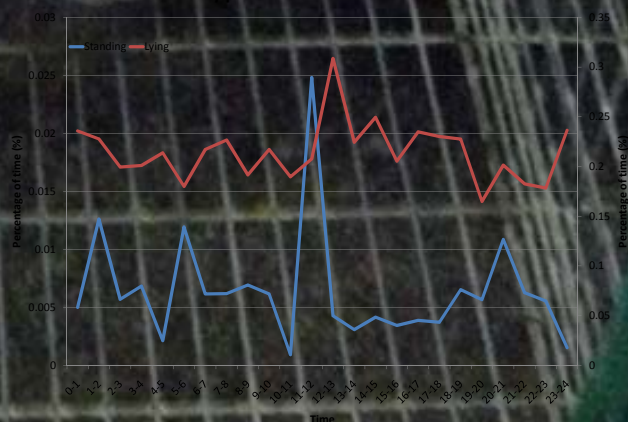
RESULTS

Activity during daylight and nighttime at different ages



■ Stand up: 8 minutes and 30 seconds/24 hours

Daily patterns of certain activities



CONCLUSIONS

- Nocturnal activity
- Age effect
- Relevance of standing time
- Further research needed