

### **CLOSE MONITORING OF NEWLY WEANED PUPS ON HYDROPAC®**

- The pink flag is designated for PI use to label newly weaned mice. This will assist the vivarium staff in identifying cages where animals might have a problem accessing water.
- The PI writes the date weaned on the pink flag and affixes it to the cage card of the newly weaned pups.
- The PI places several pieces of rodent diet on the cage floor and moistens them with water from Hydropac®. This action serves two purposes: providing moistened chow that can be easily accessed by pups and “flicking” the Hydropac® valve.
- Vivarium staff will pay extra attention to pink flagged cages for any indication that the mice are not eating or drinking. This intense monitoring will continue daily for a two week period after weaning.
- Any mice that do not appear well will be reported to the DLAM veterinary staff. The PI will be contacted by DLAM regarding the problem and recommended treatment.
- If the weanlings appear healthy after two weeks, the animal care staff will remove the pink flag.