

The CurVet Rat

Ethical Training Simulator

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Handling and restraint
Ability to scruff and hold across the shoulders



Resealable skin
Micro chipping and subcutaneous administration



Oral administration
Moveable head for correct positioning for oral dosing via catheter into the oesophagus and stomach

Reduce animal use, gain competencies

The CurVet™ Rat Training Simulator provides an ethical, realistic alternative to using live rodents for training and teaching purposes. Animal technologists, vets and scientists alike can use this replacement simulator.

CurVet Rat - application of the 3Rs

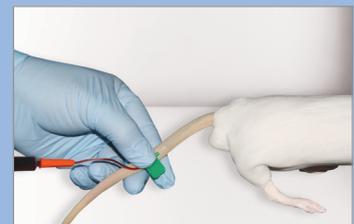
- **Replacement** - replaces the need to cull an animal to gain technical skills
- **Reduction** - may reduce the need to 'over breed' to supply live animals for training
- **Refinement** - able to practice and refine technical skills in order to gain competence.

7 key features

- Realistic dermatological skin
- Rotating head
- Moveable spine and hind legs
- Lifelike and removable tail
- Bodyweight approximately 300g
- Reservoir for blood
- Realistic features - eyes, paws, mouth, teeth, hard palate and anal orifice.



Intramuscular administration
Hind limbs attached to pelvis allow movement



Intravenous administration and blood withdrawal
Inject, sample blood, realistic tail, two accessible tail veins, self-sealing material and removable tail



Anal orifice
For rectal thermometer with limited depth of insertion