

Frozen Whole Prey Food Item Specifications for the Milwaukee County Zoo

All animals grown as whole prey food items shall be humanely raised and fed on a nutritionally balanced wholesome diet suitable for the species. All animals shall be healthy prior to euthanasia, which shall be performed using carbon dioxide in a manner that meets the recommendations of the American Veterinary Medical Association's Panel on Euthanasia and renders the animal suitable and safe for consumption by zoo animals. All animals will be individually frozen immediately after euthanasia, and packaged in plastic, resealable commercial freezer bags. Animals will remain completely frozen during shipment to the zoo, and shipments must arrive during regular Zoo Commissary hours, 6:00 am to 2:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Species needed and estimated annual usage:

Mice, pinkies	25,000
Mice, small	20,000
Mice, large	35,000
Rats, small	2,500
Rats, large	5,000
Rabbits, small	50
Rabbits, medium	12
Rabbits, large	150
Chicks	500
Quail	250
Mice, regular size	3,600
Mouse fuzzies (10-13 days old / 4 . 5g – 7g)	