

# **Euthanasia Unit**



#### **Features**

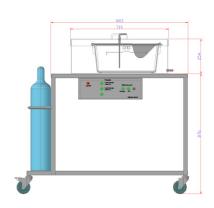
During euthanasia of rodents using the UNO Euthanasia Unit, the following benefits are achieved:

- The animals can stay in their cage, because the UNO Euthanasia Unit includes a transparant polycarbonate "container", in which the complete rat- or mousecage can be placed.
- First, Carbogen gas is introduced at the bottom of the cage, by means of a PLC controlled valve. Carbogen is a gas mixture of 95% O<sup>2</sup> + 5% CO<sup>2</sup>. This causes a high concentration O<sup>2</sup> in the cage and in the container, while the 5%-concentration CO<sup>2</sup> does not cause any reaction at the CO<sup>2</sup> reseptors in the animal lungs. The pO<sup>2</sup> level in the blood becomes maximal.
- After 1 min. the Carbogen flow is stopped and 100% CO<sup>2</sup> is introduced into the cage. In this way the high concentration O<sup>2</sup> is slowly replaced by CO<sup>2</sup>.
  This relatively slow replacement of O<sup>2</sup> by CO<sup>2</sup> is responsable for the reduction of stress for the animal.

If mice and rats ar being exposed directly to 100% CO², the stress level, measured according to EEG, EKG and proportionaly, is very high. The article "Carbon Dioxide euthanasia in rats;......" handles about the 3 above mentioned criteria in detail. This article can be downloaded on our website: http://www.unobv.com/afbeeldingen/Carbon%20Dioxide%20in%20rats.pdf

### The UNO Euthanasia Unit encudes:

- A polycarbonate box with lid, in which the mice and rat cages can be placed
  - Dimensions: 50 x 75 x 25cm (lxbxh) (other dimensions customs made available!)
- Tube for the gassupply. This tube can be put between the bars of the wirelids into the cage
- A valve in the macrolon box to connect the unit to an exhaust system
- The s.s. trolley has a tray on which the gas cylinders can be placed
- A switchboard for the supply of the gas (mixure) O<sup>2</sup> and CO<sup>2</sup>, according a PLC pre-set program



One of the advantages of the mentioned PLC pre-set programs is that the procedures for euthanasia in rats and mice can be easily described in a



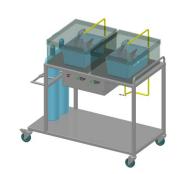


protocol for the users of the unit. The UNO Euthanasia Unit contains a program that uses 2 different grasses in order to, during euthanasing mice and rats, reduce the animalcode2utf('39',0)s stress to a minimum.

### **Custommade Options**

Different configurations and set-ups for euthanasia units are available on special request.

- 1. A Euthanasia Unit with two separat euthanasia boxes that can each hold a cage. This unit was equiped with two seperate control with each jus one program. Also a safety to prevent unauthorized changes mad in the flowmeter settings was integrated.
- 2. A Euthanasia Unit to be placed on a table without the trolley is also possible.
- 3. Euthanasia cabinets in different configurations. For ordering information, please contact us.



## Ordering number

180000100 Euthanasia Unit complete