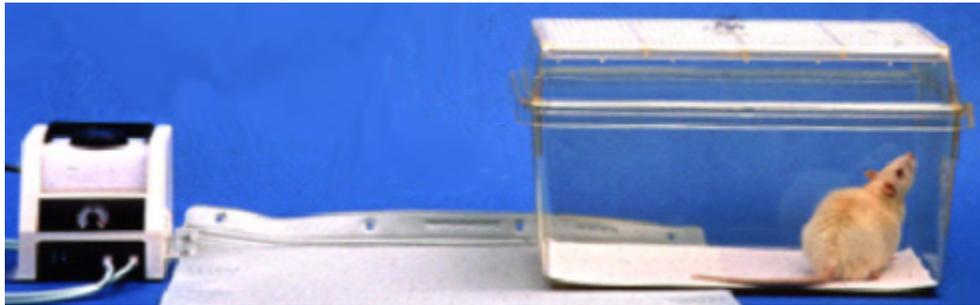


Heat pads and heat sources

During surgery and post-op:

- Keeping small animals warm during surgery is very important. Best to place a barrier between animal and heating pads during the procedure, e.g. a bench pad or a paper towel or two.
- For a recovery cage, an empty plastic cage with a paper towel works well. Bedding may block some of the needed heat.
- **Warm recirculating water pad is best!**
 - Electric mats or under tank warmers for reptiles are also good.
 - Sodium-acetate "SnapHeat" heat pads are OK (put in hot water/boil and return to liquid ready state).
- Heat pads need a layer between pad and animal, e.g. a paper towel or empty mouse cage.
- Place the recovery cage ½ on, ½ off heat source.



Best - Warm water blanket pad and pump - [Gaymar Heating/Cooling T/Pump](#)



A cheaper example on Amazon - [Cryotherapy and Hot Water Therapy System - Circulating Heat/Cooling Device](#)



This knee wrap size is a good size for one mouse cage, or for use during a mouse surgery.

Good - electric heater **with thermostat**

An example cheap option: Seedling Heat Mat and Digital Thermostat Combo Set - [VIVOSUN 10"x20.75" Seedling Heat Mat and Digital Thermostat Combo Set MET Standard](#)

