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### SHELTER ENRICHMENT OF METABOLIC CAGES IN STUDIES OF PROTEIN METABOLISM







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## WHEN THE RATS HAVE SHELTER, THEY USE IT DURING THE DAY







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#### SHELTERS DO NOT INFLUENCE FEED INTAKE, WEIGHT GAIN, AND MEASURES OF FECAL AND URINARY N-EXCRETIONS

	GP	GP	SBM	SBM	Pr > F		
Shelter	No	Yes	No	Yes	Diet	Shelter	Diet*Shelter
Faecal DM output	9.38	9.20	5.76	5.74	<0.0001	0.384	0.525
DM % faeces	61.11	62.19	46.84	47.48	<0.0001	0.416	0.838
Dry matter digestibility, ingredient	48.82	49.07	80.79	80.61	<0.0001	0.964	0.767
Apparent faecal N digestibility, %	60.06	61.10	83.60	83.73	<0.0001	0.130	0.230
Retained N, g	0.47	0.47	0.59	0.60	<0.0001	0.671	0.349
Retained N in % of intake	49.73	49.82	60.23	62.22	<0.0001	0.202	0.243

- Strong effect of diet !
- No significant effect of shelter or interaction between diet and shelter

### After testing, we now use the shelters routinely



