

Homework Assignment  
Squirrels

1. Grapes and squash are fed to weaning squirrels. Name 2 other foods. Bananas, apples, broccoli, oranges, sweet potatoes, mealworms, seeds and nuts
2. Squirrels should be acclimated to the weather before release. Name 2 other release criteria. Can crack hard nuts, exhibit normal fear response, exhibit hording/caching of food, demonstrate good coordination, strength, balance and climbing skills
3. Describe the 2 hacking out (soft release) procedures used for squirrels.  
a) open the door in the morning, close it at night    b) provide hole just large enough for squirrel to go in and out
4. Name 2 natural foods that should be fed to squirrels prior to release.  
Buds and bark of nut and fruit trees, pine twigs & cones, fruits such as dogwood berries
5. What is the rule of thumb to determine when to release a squirrel that has been wintered over. When the dogwoods bloom

Answer True or False for each of the following:

6. Squirrels have 2 upper and 2 lower incisors. T
7. Squirrels molt twice a year. T
8. Squirrels generally have only one litter a year. F (one in spring, another in fall)
9. It is best to use a syringe for feeding a squirrel so that you can control the rate of flow to prevent aspiration. T (squirrels can suck frantically)
10. The first food offered when introducing solid foods to a baby squirrel should be nuts. F (a squirrel should be eating rat chow before being introduced to nuts)