

Short Communication

Audiogram of the hooded Norway rat

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whenever an animal made contact with the spout. The animals typically received 7–15 ml in sessions lasting 30–60 min. Mild electric shock was provided by a

tested), were at least 20 dB below the animals' thresholds and did not influence the results.

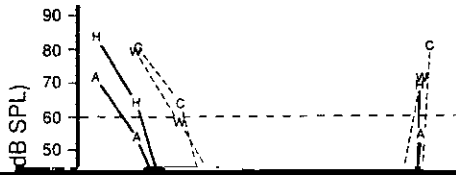
2.4. Behavioral procedure

An animal which had been deprived of water for 23 h was placed in the test cage and allowed to drink from

guidelines of the Declaration of Helsinki (NIH grant DC00179).

3. Results and discussion

The evidence task is an easy one for rats to learn



punisher. Such a combination provides good control over an animal's response criteria and allows the experimenter to maximize an animal's detection rate and minimize its false alarm rate by adjusting the reward and shock levels. This control facilitates the task of