



Intra-Emory Transport of Animals

361.1 Policy

361.1.1 All transport of animals into the university and movement of animals between Emory animal research facilities (including the Yerkes Center and Wesley Woods) must be approved by the Emory IACUC. Animal colonies at the university and its affiliates are valuable and of varying health status. The indiscriminate transport of animals may jeopardize animal health and threaten research. Transport of animals may only be done for bona fide scientific purposes and with the verification by animal resources. Those who fail to comply with this policy may be reported to the IACUC and may be subject to specific action including suspension of research privileges with animals.

361.2 Applicability

361.2.1 This policy applies to all Emory research related animal activities that fall under the IACUC's jurisdiction.

361.3 Guidelines

361.3.1 This policy addresses the following situations:

361.3.1.1 Transport of animals between Emory University facilities on the main campus, Wesley Woods, and Yerkes National Primate Research Center.

361.3.2 Intra-Emory Transport of Animals:

361.3.2.1 Transportation of animals between animal research facilities or laboratories must be done by animal resources program transportation services, or other animal resources personnel approved to drive University vehicles, unless otherwise approved in an IACUC protocol.

361.3.2.2 Transportation requires the prior approval of the IACUC and the veterinary staffs at the source and destination.

361.3.2.3 Private vehicles are not allowed for transportation unless specifically reviewed and approved by the IACUC.

361.3.2.4 For purposes of preventing and containing infectious disease enzootic to animals, transport of animals between campus facilities should only be done when scientifically justified.

361.3.2.5 Transport paths should minimize interaction with the general public. This includes the use of freight elevators and less populated areas whenever possible. Animals cannot be transported through hospital patient areas.

361.3.2.6 Transport of small numbers of animals can be done by researchers if approved by the IACUC. Rodents can be moved with one cage or transport container per person carried by hand or with multiple cages arranged securely on a cart in a manner to prevent toppling or spilling. When transporting animals between buildings and/or within buildings, cages must be properly concealed and secured to prevent exposure to the public and environmental elements, per the policy of the relevant animal resources program. Concealment must not compromise ventilation. Indoor pathways should be used whenever possible, and transport of rodents outdoors should be done with the understanding that the homeostasis of the animals and scientific experiments could be confounded by exposure to environmental conditions different from the animal research facilities or by disorientation, jostling, or jarring.

361.3.2.7 To comply with the Georgia Department of Human Resources Public Health Division's Food Code, the transportation of laboratory animals to and within areas where food for human consumption is prepared or sold, or through areas designated as dining areas, is prohibited.

361.4 Contact Information

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