



A. PURPOSE

To provide investigators with guidance on the IACUC's requirements regarding the procurement of animals.

B. GUIDELINES

1. With the exception of animals collected in the wild, animals that fall into one or more of the categories below must be purchased or acquired using established University Animal Care purchasing procedures:
 - a. All animals used for biomedical research, regardless of housing location
 - b. All animals housed within University Animal Care facilities
 - c. All animals to be used for PHS funded protocols
 - d. All animals transferred from another university or institution
2. For investigators who use animals that do not fall into one of the classifications above, they must accurately track the date, number and species of animals acquired or used as part of an approved protocol. This information must be provided to the IACUC as requested.
3. This policy allows the IACUC to ensure that:
 - a. There is an IACUC approved protocol in place
 - b. The animals are acquired under the appropriate protocol and pain category
 - c. The protocol has sufficient numbers of each species or pain category to accommodate the acquisition or that the protocol is amended to include the additional animal numbers as needed
 - d. The animals have the appropriate health status (where applicable)
 - e. The animals are procured from appropriate vendors, including ensuring that vendors have appropriate USDA licensure in place (where applicable)
 - f. Current animal usage data is available for all species

C. REFERENCES, MATERIALS, AND/OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. [Animal Welfare Act Regulations AWAR §2.35, AWAR §2.36,b,5-8, AWAR §2.31,e,1-2](#)
2. [Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals p. 106-107](#)