

## **PACUC Policy**

### **Approval of Sources/Vendors for Animal Acquisition and Initial Treatment of Animals Acquired from Various Sources**

It is important that Purdue's institutional program of animal care and use be knowledgeable of the sources (commercial vendors, donors, etc.) which supply animals for use in the research, teaching and testing programs of the University, and to have information as to both the general health of colonies, herds, flocks, etc. maintained by these sources as well as the specific health of individual animals received by the various University facilities. Current Health Status Reports (i.e., health certificates) must be supplied to the Laboratory Animal Program veterinary staff for approval prior to animals arriving on Purdue's campus. It is PACUC's policy that, in general, use of licensed dealers/vendors is preferred. However, PACUC recognizes that programmatic requirements for specific genetic characteristics may necessitate use of non-licensed sources. Further, opportunities may arise to acquire animals as donations from unlicensed sources (breeders, commercial agricultural production units, etc.). Use of such sources has the potential to minimize the total number of animals specifically bred and subsequently euthanized for use in University programs.

The PACUC delegates to Purdue University's Attending Veterinarian specifically, and to the veterinary staff of the Purdue University Laboratory Animal Program (LAP), generally, responsibility to evaluate and approve or disapprove all potential sources of vertebrate animals to be utilized for use in the research, teaching, and testing programs of the University. It is understood that this delegation includes the authority to require mandatory quarantine of animals received by University facilities for specified periods to minimize risk to other animals and University staff and students.