
Policy for Importation of Rats and Mice to Purdue

In order to prevent the inadvertent introduction of disease into rat and mouse colonies at Purdue University, certain minimal requirements are expected to be met prior to shipment of rats and mice from non-approved sources. Some animal facilities at Purdue University may have more stringent requirements.

Definitions

Approved sources: Commercial vendors such as Harlan, Jackson Laboratory and Charles River Laboratories which house closed colonies of rats and mice and maintain intensive health monitoring programs.

Non-approved sources: Includes any institution outside of Purdue University such as a university, college, research company or foundation that may donate, transfer, or sell rats or mice to a PACUC approved research project at Purdue University.

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- Sentinel health reports for the past 12 months from the institution shipping the animals must be faxed to the Laboratory Animal Program (LAP) office at 765-496-2415 or emailed to Peggy O'Neil at peggyoneil@purdue.edu
- The sentinel health report must include, as a minimum, test results for ectoparasites (e.g. fur mites) and endoparasites (e.g. pinworms) in addition to a serologic panel of results including pathogens tested for in Purdue's sentinel program.
- The sentinel health information will be reviewed by a LAP veterinarian and whether or not health status is acceptable will be determined.
- If the health status is acceptable for shipment, an Animal Requisition Form, must be completed and returned to Lori Bugher at lbugher@purdue.edu or lap@purdue.edu
- Upon acceptance and approval of the Animal Requisition Form, permission to ship will then be granted.
- All shipping arrangements and housing arrangements for imported animals are the responsibility of the Principle Investigator.
- Animals shipped from non-approved vendors to one of Purdue University's animal facilities housing rats and/or are required to enter quarantine and be retested for rodent pathogens or be re-derived by the Transgenic Mouse Core Facility prior to entry into regular facility housing.

Remember to always contact the appropriate facility manager to assure all requirements for entry are met and that appropriate housing will be available when animals arrive.