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, Background

Public Health Policy (PHS), the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (the Guide) and the Animal Welfare Regulations (AWR) agree that all animals used in research, teaching and testing have to be procured abiding to relevant federal, state and local laws and regulations. The Guide states that potential vendors should be evaluated for the quality of animals they supply. In general, vendors of purpose-bred animals provide information describing the genetic and pathogen status of their animals and relevant clinical history. Therefore, the use of purpose-bred and pre-conditioned animals is preferable when consistent with the research, teaching, and testing objectives where as animals obtained from pet stores/distributors bear the potential for introducing health risks to personnel and other animals. Regardless of whether the animals are quarantined, as per Guide newly received animals should be given a period for physiologic, behavioral, and nutritional acclimation before their use. The length of time for acclimation will depend on the type and duration of animal transportation, the species involved, and the intended use of the animals.

, , Purpose

To establish a policy that will provide guidance to Research Personnel and Animal Care Staff in regards to procurement of animals for research and teaching as well as the animals' acclimation to changed conditions such as new environment and feed to support highest standards for quality of research, animal health and welfare.

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- f* Establishing an appropriate health surveillance program including a list of approved vendors and proper quarantine procedures for non-approved vendors.
- f* Contacting and evaluating vendors that don't provide particular health information regarding the animals they provide.
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