Georgia State University

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

It is the responsibility of the Georgia State University (GSU) Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) to ensure judicious and humane use of animals used in its teaching and research programs that is consistent with federal requirements.*

Animal Transportation Policy:

Animal Transport on the GSU Campus:

When an IACUC approved protocol requires animal transportation to an investigator’s lab or from one GSU animal facility to another GSU animal facility, either an animal transport cart or a disposable cart cover (at the exits of the facilities) OR a disposable animal transport bucket or “takeout box” (at the exits of the facilities) must be utilized. Federal regulations forbid animals from being housed in laboratories for more than 12 hours without approval from the IACUC.

Upon returning to the animal facility, the cart cover should be discarded, and one of the following options should be performed:

1) **NSC:** Empty cages should be placed on the provided cart in the foyer of the animal facility.

2) **PSC:** Empty cages should be sprayed down at the animal facility entrance with appropriate disinfectant and placed on the receiving table immediately inside the dirty cage wash facility.

3) **NSC and PSC:** Exteriors of occupied cages should be sprayed down with the appropriate disinfectant at the facility entrance (unless DAR management has approved the cage exteriors do not need to be sprayed down as is the case with some Syrian hamster cages) and returned to the appropriate housing room and then labeled with a “Cage Returned from Lab” card (these labels are located at the facility entrance by the lab coats). These cages will then be changed into new cages by DAR Staff. In cases of disposable transport buckets and “takeout boxes”, the exteriors should be sprayed down with the appropriate disinfectant at the facility entrance and returned to the appropriate housing room. The animal should then be transferred to its home cage. The disposable bucket or box should be thrown away in the housing room.
4) In all cases, the used transport cart must be sprayed down with appropriate disinfectant (including wheels and shelves) and placed immediately inside the dirty cage wash facility.

Animal Transport off the GSU Campus:

The DAR maintains a climate-controlled van that must be utilized to transport animals to and from the GSU campus. It is necessary to take GSU driver certification training in order to drive the van. Please contact the DAR Office at 404-413-3560 for assistance in scheduling attendance at a driver certification course and to schedule use of the van and the associated procedures to be followed.

Pertinent Regulations*
U.S. Government Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Testing, Research, and Training
Public Health Service Policy
Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals
Animal Welfare Act (AWA) and A Regul tions

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