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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 Guideline**

**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 (DAR or Lab) 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 sprayed down at the animal facility entrance with the appropriate disinfectant and placed on the shelf directly outside of the dirty cage wash facility or on the cart located in the vestibule leading into the facility.

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

3) **RSC:** Empty cages should be sprayed down at the freight elevator entrance of the animal facility with the appropriate disinfectant and placed on the flatbed immediately inside the dirty cage wash facility.

4) **NSC, PSC and RSC:** If the returned cage or disposable container is occupying animals, all walls of the cage exteriors should be sprayed down with the  

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appropriate disinfectant avoiding contact with the filter (if applicable) 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). The cages should be labeled with a "Cage Returned from Lab" card (these labels are located at the facility entrance by the PPE station). The cages are then returned to the appropriate housing room. Upon observation (typically the following day) the DAR technician staff will change the animals in the labeled cages to clean cages.

5) In all cases, the used transport cart must be sprayed down with appropriate disinfectant (including wheels and shelves). If the transportation cart is a DAR cart, it must be placed immediately inside the dirty cage wash facility.

Regarding specific procedures for the transportation of certain health status animals to animal housing rooms or procedural rooms, reference the following GSU DAR SOPs:

- DAR SOP #073 PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL OF ANIMALS FROM QUARANTINE
- DAR SOP# 077 HELICOBACTER POSITIVE ROOM SOP
- DAR SOP# 074 HELICOBACTER POSITIVE MOUSE TRANSPORTATION
- DAR SOP #92 TRANSPORTING ANIMALS BETWEEN PSC AND RSC ANIMAL FACILITIES
- DAR SOP #093 PSC ABSL2 TRANSPORTATION OF BIOHAZARD CAGES
- DAR SOP #103 BIOSECURITY MEASURES RELATED TO MRI CORE

**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 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 AWA Regulations