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POLICY – Animal Acquisition and Disposition

In accordance with our agreements involving AAALAC, International; United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal Welfare division, and the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), all vertebrate animals must be acquired lawfully, used judiciously, and discharged properly.

No animals may be purchased, leased, donated, captured or otherwise acquired without prior IACUC approval of an Animal Care and Use Protocol describing the source and proposed use for those animals. Conduct of any animal activities that have not been reviewed and approved by IACUC results in significant non-compliance with the agreements above.

The institutional entity responsible for procurement of animals is the Laboratory Animal Resource Center ([LARC](#)), unless that responsibility is delegated to another entity by the Director of LARC.

Final disposition of animals used must be described in the approved IACUC protocol, and may include the following options, as appropriate: euthanasia, adoption, retirement or release to natural habitat, return to production agriculture, sale for food (as allowable) or other use, or transfer to another institution.

Please refer to the OSU Acquisition and Disposition of Animals Guidelines for further assistance regarding specific species and applicable links.