

University of Louisville
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
Policies and Procedures

Policy for the Transportation of Animals from Animal Facilities to Research Laboratories

1. Animals may be transported outside the animal facility only when necessary to carry out research objectives.
2. Transportation must be planned to minimize transit time.
3. Animals must be transported in internal corridors which are environmentally controlled. If animals must be transported outdoors, they must be protected from environmental extremes. IACUC approval is required for outside animal transport.
4. Animals must be protected from physical trauma during transportation.
5. Primary enclosures used to transport animals must be :
 - a. Sanitizable
 - b. Allow the animal to remain clean and dry
 - c. Allow adequate ventilation
 - d. Provide a secure environment
 - e. Be free of sharp edges or projections that could cause injury
 - f. Follow *Guide*¹ space recommendations

The cage in which animals are housed in the research facility meets these requirements and it is recommended for use during transport.

6. The primary enclosure used for transportation must be sanitized between uses.
7. All primary enclosures must be covered to aid in the containment of potential allergens and to shield the animal from public view. These covers must be disposable or sanitized after each use.

Disposable opaque plastic bags meet these requirements and their use is recommended.

8. Personnel are encouraged to use the freight elevators when transporting small animals (rodents). Freight elevators must be used for the transport of all large animals.

¹ Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals

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9. Observed variances to this procedure by any person including IACUC members should be reported at once to the IACUC office for action.