

University of Notre Dame IACUC Policy on Animal Transportation

Purpose

Animals are transferred and/or transported out of the animal facility to laboratories or satellite facilities for research, teaching, training and community outreach activities under the purview of the UND IACUC. This policy will reduce the risk of animal exposure to pathogenic agents and environmental extremes, and to prevent the exposure of personnel to animal allergens. FLSC uses a van with the back seats removed and a washable liner installed for transporting animals. Animal transportation in personal vehicles is prohibited. To arrange use of the FLSC vehicle use Google Calendar flsccharts@gmail.com password: rmcharts.

Intra-building and Inter-building Transportation of Rodents (mice, rats, hamster, gerbil)

1. Animals will be transported in the FLSC animal transportation van with temperature controls allowing heat in the winter and cooling in the summer.
2. Individuals with known animal allergies should not transport or travel in vehicles containing the specific species to which they are allergic without respiratory protection.
3. To prevent accidental exposure of animals to pathogenic agents in the environment, animal caging will be fitted with a filter or solid bonnet top during transport. Primary enclosures will be placed in an opaque container with a solid lid that has been modified to allow for adequate ventilation during transportation.
4. Shipping containers used by commercial animal vendors may be used in place of the filter bonnet caging within the opaque plastic transport container.
5. Transportation containers must remain closed during transport. **Do not** open the container until you have reached your destination to reduce allergen dispersal.
6. Transportation containers will be disinfected between uses.
7. When moving animals between floors, use the freight elevator or stairs. This is to reduce exposure of non-lab personnel.

Intra-building and Inter-building Transportation of Rabbits and Guinea Pigs

1. Animals will be transported in the FLSC animal transportation van with temperature controls allowing heat in the winter and cooling in the summer.
2. Individuals with known animal allergies should not transport or travel in vehicles containing the specific species to which they are allergic without respiratory protection.
3. To prevent accidental exposure of animals to pathogenic agents in the environment, animals will be placed in a Sherpa™ bag, HEPA filtered temperature controlled transport cage, or directly into the opaque plastic container. The Sherpa™ bag will be placed in an opaque container with a solid lid that has been modified to allow for adequate ventilation during transportation.
4. Transportation containers should remain closed during transport to reduce allergen dispersal.
5. Transportation containers must be disinfected between uses.
6. When moving animals between floors, use the freight elevator or stairs. This is to reduce exposure of non-lab personnel.

Intra-building and Inter-building Transportation of Aquatics

1. Animals will be transported in the FLSC animal transportation van with temperature controls allowing heat in the winter and cooling in the summer.
2. To prevent escape and exposure of native animals to alien species, animals removed from the building will be placed in plastic transportation containers with a seal. The primary enclosure will then be placed in an opaque container with a solid lid. Transportation containers must remain closed during transport. **Do not** open the container until you have reached your destination.
3. Animals removed from the animal facility but not taken outside the building will be placed in opaque containers for transportation.
4. Transportation containers must be disinfected between uses.
5. When moving animals between floors, use the freight elevator or stairs. This is to reduce exposure of non-lab personnel.