

University of Notre Dame IACUC Policy on Separation by Species, Source, and Health Status

Introduction

Control of infectious disease in laboratory animals requires that populations that may vary in microbial status be segregated. In this regard, it is effective to separate animals according to species, source, and health status. This document describes the IACUC policy for separation of animals by these criteria.

Policies/Procedures

1. Animals may not be housed in the same room as animals of other species. Exceptions are: cubicle rooms in which animals of different species may be housed in separate cubicles only when necessitated by space constraints, when both groups of animals are housed in ventilated racks (HEPA filtered air in and out creating micro isolator conditions) or bioBUBBLE™ Clean Rooms (soft walled, positive pressure enclosures constructed within existing animal rooms) in which animals of different species may be housed separately from the other animals located within the room.
2. Animals from separate vendors/sources should not be housed in the same room or cubicle, unless they have completed a quarantine period and have the same health status of the other animals in that room or cubicle or are part of a breeding colony being maintained and propagated at the FLSC.
3. Animals of different microbial or pathogen status are not to be housed in the same room or cubicle.
4. Animals from the same vendor, but different shipments, may be housed together after they have all successfully completed quarantine.