

Purpose / Scope

The objective of this policy is to highlight key regulatory and institutional obligations regarding the acquisition of research animals specific to animal suppliers, animal transport and acclimatization; to highlight the responsibilities of key institutional stakeholders associated with the procurement of research animals, including the Institutional Veterinarian.

This policy pertains to the procurement of live animals associated with animal-based science activities involving either an Animal Facility (Facility) or Extra-Vivarium Space (EVS) within Western and its affiliates.

Rationale

As holders of CCAC's Certificate of Good Animal Practice (GAP), we are bound by CCAC's 'Guidelines on: procurement of animals used in science' (2007), which outlines 25 general considerations regarding the acquisition of research animals based upon "sound scientific evidence and expert opinion."¹

As registered research facilities in Ontario, Western's Research Community is bound by Regulations 24 and 25 of Ontario's Animals for Research Act (R.R.O. 1990), which specify requirements for research and supply facilities as well as animal transportation that impact animal procurement.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency enforces regulations associated with the *Health of Animals Act (2019)*, e.g., *Regulations, Part XII Transport of Animals*. Procurement of animals that fall under CFIA's jurisdiction must comply with

¹ CCAC's Guidelines on: procurement of animals used in science (2007) P.1. Retrieved 08APR2024 from <https://ccac.ca/Documents/Standards/Guidelines/Procurement.pdf>

associated regulations.

Policy Statements

The acquisition of animals – from requisition to arrival at a Laboratory Animal Facility (Facility) or Extra-Vivarium Space (EVS) – must follow all related federal, national, provincial, and institutional laws, policies, and regulations, including but not limited to:

- CCAC's Guidelines on: Procurement of Animals Used in Science (2007)
- Animals for Research Act (1990) – Regulations 24 and 25
- Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (1997)
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) – Animal Research Act (2001) Tc 0. d (Vi)-0.91 (e) 3r-8 (o)-4.1 (n)0.9 (v)-842.8 (a)83 (l)-0.9 (s)-7.0 a

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- adequate understanding of this policy and other associated institutional policies;
 - training on the related software system used to record procurement; and who have
- successfully completed the Animal Ethics & Regulations online course prior to ACC approval to assume this role.

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References

- CCAC Guidelines on Procurement of Animals Used in Science (2007)
 - Animals for Research Act, Ontario, R.S.O. 1990, Reg. 24/25
 - Canadian Food Inspection Agency – Health of Animals Act (2019) - Health of Animals Regulation Part XII – Transport of Animals
 - Canadian Food Inspection Agency – Criteria for Quarantine Facilities
 - Canadian Food Inspection Agency - Requirements for Non-Human Primates Imported into Canada -
 - Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997
 - Animal Care Committee policies and procedures
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Revision History

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